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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 ON PAGE 150.]**

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE
6 RISE, BUT I DON'T THINK I NEED TO DO THAT ON THE SIDES HERE.
7 THIS MORNING, WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY THE REVEREND
8 LEON CAMPBELL, AGAPE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL CENTER IN CULVER
9 CITY, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TONY BLAZONA,
10 ADJUTANT CHARLES ROWE POST NUMBER 30, THE AMERICAN LEGION.
11 REVEREND CAMPBELL.

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13 **THE REVEREND LEON CAMPBELL:** GOOD MORNING. WE BRING YOU
14 GREETINGS FROM OUR SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY AND FROM OUR FOUNDER,
15 THE REVEREND DOCTOR REVEREND MICHAEL BECKWITH. I KNOW THAT
16 THERE'S MANY FAITHS REPRESENTED HERE. I JUST ASK THAT WE TURN
17 WITHIN TO THE GOD THAT YOU WORSHIP. NOW LET US PRAY TOGETHER.
18 O SUPREME INSPIRATION, O GREAT LOVER OF OUR SOULS, THE
19 ARCHITECT OF ALL THAT WE ARE AND ALL THAT WE HAVE COME HERE TO
20 BE, WE GIVE THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
21 KNOWING THAT THEIR EVERY STEP IS BLESSED AS THEY BRING FORTH
22 THE HIGHEST AND THE BEST FOR ALL THE CONSTITUENTS OF THIS LOS
23 ANGELES COMMUNITY. WE GIVE THANKS FOR EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF
24 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KNOWING THAT THE HAND OF LOVE
25 GUIDES THEM AS THEY BRING FORTH THEIR DIVINE MANDATE, AS THEY



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1 BRING FORTH THAT WHICH IS THEIR MISSION, AS WE BRING FORTH THE
2 GREATEST IN PROSPERITY FOR EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THESE
3 BEAUTIFUL COUNTIES. WE BLESS THESE HONORABLE MEN AND WOMEN OF
4 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND WE ALL SAY TOGETHER, AND SO IT
5 IS, AMEN.

6

7 **TONY BLAZONA:** PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
8 FACING THE FLAG, HAND OVER HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES.
13 WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THE REVERENT CAMPBELL, WHO IS
14 CURRENTLY SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY
15 AT THE AGAPE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL CENTER, WHICH SERVES
16 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 YOUTH EACH MONTH. HE HAS DISTINGUISHED
17 HIMSELF AND HIS MINISTRY, HIS TALENTS, HIS GIFTS AND HE'S
18 PRODUCED AND DIRECTED THE 2007 AGAPE YOUTH REVELATION
19 CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE HE VISITED THE FUTURE
20 SITE THAT WHICH WOULD BE THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND
21 PARTICIPATED IN THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THOSE SCHOOLS,
22 PARTICULARLY BOYD HIGH SCHOOL IN MARYLAND. WE THANK HIM FOR
23 BEING HERE AND WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF OUR
24 APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND LEON CAMPBELL ON BEHALF OF THE
25 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH BEST WISHES TO



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1 REVEREND MICHAEL AND THE ENTIRETY OF THE FELLOWSHIP AT AGAPE
2 SPIRITUAL CENTER. REVEREND CAMPBELL? [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, INDEED MY HONOR THIS
7 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO TONY
8 BLAZONA. TONY WAS RAISED IN POMONA AND IS WITH THE AMERICAN
9 LEGION. HE'S WITH POST 30. HE HAS SERVED AS A STAFF SERGEANT
10 AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE FROM 1961 TO 1965. HE RECEIVED GOOD
11 CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. WE WANT TO
12 EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO TONY FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY FROM
13 POMONA TO LEAD US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IT TRULY IS AN
14 HONOR. THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR SERVICE.

15

16 **TONY BLAZONA:** MY PLEASURE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL DO THE AGENDA JUST SO FOR
21 THOSE OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE, WE WILL DO THE AGENDA. THE
22 PRESENTATIONS WILL BE THIS AFTERNOON AS SOON AS WE'RE THROUGH
23 GOING THROUGH THE AGENDA TO SEE WHICH ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED
24 FOR DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON. WE'LL BE ADJOURNING THE MEETING



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1 TO 1:30 THIS AFTERNOON. OKAY? YES, RECESSING THE MEETING.

2 THANK YOU. YES, I'M READY.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATIONS
6 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE--

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. WE'RE CONTINUING IT.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUING ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 24TH, 2009.
12 ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, INTERIM
13 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 19TH, 2010.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
19 THROUGH 7, ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
20 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS
21 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
22 AGENDA, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KNABE
23 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
24 ITEM NUMBER 4, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
25 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THERE'S A



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1 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE
2 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.
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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR,
9 ITEMS 8 THROUGH 39. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
13 OFFICE. 11.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER
19 24TH, 2009.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
25 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. 14.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 14. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, ALSO, ALTHOUGH IT'S
5 BEING REFERRED BACK, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS PUT IN A
6 REQUEST TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HELD FOR DISCUSSION FOR SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH AND THEN REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THIS INCLUDES THE
12 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
13 NUMBER 17, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
16 DECEMBER 1ST, 2009.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 18, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS
21 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 19.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME, 19, AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 23,
8 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
9 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 38, THERE'S A
11 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
12 NUMBER 39, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
13 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 24TH, 2009.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
18 ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR
21 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM NUMBER 40,
24 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 24TH, 2009.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, 41 THROUGH 43, ITEM
5 NUMBER 41, WE'LL HOLD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEMS NUMBER 42
6 THROUGH 45, AND THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE FISCAL YEAR '09/'10
7 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION ITEMS, SO ON ITEMS 42 THROUGH
8 45, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE BE
9 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO DECEMBER 1ST, 2009.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 46, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER
15 24TH, 2009.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
20 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
21 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM
22 NUMBER 47-A, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO DECEMBER 1ST, 2009.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON PAGE 28, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION,
3 ON ITEM C.S.-3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 24TH, 2009.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
10 NUMBER 5.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL
13 1:30 THIS AFTERNOON. THANK YOU.

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16 **[RECESS]**

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** -- CALL THE MEETING TO BACK TO ORDER,
20 PLEASE. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING. WE'RE GOING
21 TO DO SOME PRESENTATIONS AT THIS POINT. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE
22 TO ASK THE HONORABLE WOLFGANG DRAUTZ TO COME UP TO THE DAIS.
23 HE IS OUR NEW CONSUL-GENERAL FROM GERMANY. IT'S OKAY TO
24 APPLAUD. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONSUL-GENERAL DRAUTZ HAS A
2 DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF SOME 33 YEARS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.
3 HE GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL IN GERMANY. HE THEN DID
4 POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND WENT TO
5 PARIS WHERE HE ATTENDED THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOOL OF
6 ADMINISTRATION. AFTER THAT, HE JOINED THE GERMAN FOREIGN
7 OFFICE WHERE HE STARTED HIS CAREER ON THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL
8 COOPERATION DESK. HIS FIRST FOREIGN POSTING WAS TO THE GERMAN
9 EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. HIS NEXT WAS TO THE GERMAN CONSULATE
10 GENERAL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE HE SERVED AS DEPUTY CONSUL-
11 GENERAL. HE THEN RETURNED HOME TO GERMANY WHERE HE RECRUITED
12 AND TRAINED DIPLOMATS, THEN WENT ON TO OTHER POSITIONS IN
13 MOSCOW AND LONDON. HE CAME TO LOS ANGELES FROM A FOUR-YEAR
14 TOUR AS CONSUL-GENERAL IN CHICAGO. YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE OUR
15 WINTERS A WHOLE LOT BETTER. HE IS MARRIED, HAS BEEN
16 ACCOMPANIED TO L.A. BY HIS WIFE, SABINE AND THEIR TWO
17 DAUGHTERS, 8 YEAR OLD LUISA AND 6 YEAR OLD PAULINA SO ON
18 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME
19 THE CONSUL-GENERAL AND SAY WELCOME ABOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **HON. WOLFGANG DRAUTZ:** MR. PRESIDENT, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME. I THINK NOT
23 MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD KNOW HOW POWERFUL THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS OF L.A. COUNTY IS. L.A., OF COURSE, IS ONE OF THE
25 GREAT CITIES IN THE WORLD, AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE WITH A VERY



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1 DIVERSE COMMUNITY, AMONG THEM MANY GERMANS AND GERMAN
2 INDUSTRY. WORLD RENOWNED ARE, OF COURSE, HOLLYWOOD AND
3 DISNEYLAND AND SANTA MONICA, BUT BEYOND THE CLICHES, L.A., LOS
4 ANGELES, IS A VERY IMPORTANT PARTNER TO GERMANY. I AM HERE TO
5 FOSTER THE ALREADY EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN GERMANY AND
6 L.A.. AS YOU KNOW, L.A. IS SISTER CITY TO BERLIN, OUR GREAT
7 CAPITAL, AND WE HAVE MANY TIES ON EVERY LEVEL OF LIFE. BY THE
8 WAY, MR. PRESIDENT, THE BERLIN PHILHARMONICAS, UNDER THE BATON
9 OF SIMON RATTLE, WILL PLAY NEXT MONDAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SO
10 WE, GERMANY AND LOS ANGELES, ARE MAJOR PARTNERS IN THIS WORLD
11 WHERE MANY CHALLENGES WAIT FOR US TO BE TACKLED AND THERE ARE
12 MANY POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION, OF COURSE, ECONOMY, TRADE,
13 FINANCE, CULTURE, SCIENCE, ART, TRADITIONAL FIELDS OF
14 COOPERATION, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY
15 SAFETY, WATER SECURITY, TRANSPORT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE ARE NEW
16 FIELDS OF TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION, AND I EMPHASIZE THIS
17 WORD, TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE THINK LOS
18 ANGELES, BY ITS LOCATION ON THE WEST COAST CITY, WHICH IS
19 ENTIRELY FOCUSED ON ASIA, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, NOT THE CASE
20 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT HERE AND THE
21 ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMANY AND LOS ANGELES. WE
22 CELEBRATED LAST WEEK HERE WITH THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS ON
23 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 20 YEARS OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL. WE
24 WILL HAVE IN SPRING 2010 THE WAGNER RING FESTIVAL IN TOWN, AND
25 I WAS TOLD THIS IS OR WILL BE THE BIGGEST FESTIVAL IN LOS



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1 ANGELES SINCE THE OLYMPICS. SO I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE
2 SATISFIED AND HAPPY HERE. MY FAMILY, MY TWO DAUGHTERS, MY WIFE
3 AND I ENJOY BEING HERE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR
4 GOOD COOPERATION WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK YVONNE MOUNSEY TO COME UP
8 FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. HOW ARE YOU?

9

10 **YVONNE MOUNSEY:** VERY GOOD.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YVONNE MOUNSEY
13 CURRENTLY SERVES WITH DISTINCTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY
14 OF THE WESTSIDE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND THEIR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
15 OF ITS SISTER ORGANIZATION, THE WESTSIDE BALLET COMPANY,
16 ENTITY SHE CO-FOUNDED IN 1967 IN SANTA MONICA, THAT HAVE
17 JOINED THE RANKS OF THE LEADING BALLET SCHOOLS AND COMPANIES
18 IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 1960, SHE ALSO CO-FOUNDED THE
19 JOHANNESBURG CITY BALLET, NOW CALLED PACK BALLET, THE PACK
20 BALLET COMPANY, RENOWNED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR DANCE
21 COMPANIES. SHE TEACHES TECHNIQUE, VARIATIONS AND POINTE
22 CLASSES TO JUNIOR AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS. AS A TEACHER,
23 COACH, CHOREOGRAPHER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, SHE HAS PROVIDED
24 OUTSTANDING TRAINING, MENTORSHIP AND DAILY INSPIRATION TO
25 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE GONE ON TO



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1 PROFESSIONAL DANCE CAREERS. YVONNE WAS A PRINCIPAL DANCER FOR
2 THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET UNDER LEGENDARY GEORGE BALANCHINE,
3 CREATING A MAGNIFICENT LEGACY OF UNIQUE AND INDELIBLE ROLES
4 THAT ARE STILL PERFORMED TO THIS DAY. HER GENEROUS SUPPORT IN
5 FUNDRAISING FOR NUMEROUS NONPROFIT ENTITIES HAS ENRICHED THE
6 LIVES OF MANY, GARNERING RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR HER
7 ACHIEVEMENT FROM COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS ALIKE. SO THE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WANTED TO TAKE
9 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU, YVONNE, HIGHLY COMMEND YOU
10 FOR A LIFETIME OF ARTISTIC AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE
11 FIELD OF DANCE AND EXTEND TO YOU OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS
12 ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF YOUR 90TH BIRTHDAY, WITH BEST WISHES
13 FOR CONTINUING GOOD HEALTH, SUCCESS, FULFILLMENT IN EVERY
14 ENDEAVOR. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE 90 BECAUSE
17 FUJIOKA LOOKS OLDER THAN YOU DO, AND I KNOW HE'S NOT 90. BUT
18 SERIOUSLY, THIS IS A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE. YOUR WORK
19 IS LEGENDARY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD, AND WE
20 WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARD FROM THE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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23 **YVONNE MOUNSEY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY. THIS IS BEAUTIFUL. THIS IS A GREAT HONOR, AND I'M
25 JUST SO OVERWHELMED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY LOVE WHAT I



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1 DO AND HAVE BEEN DOING FOR SO MANY YEARS AND HOPE TO CONTINUE
2 TO DO WHAT WE DO FOR BALLET, PARTICULARLY IN LOS ANGELES, AND
3 WE PRESENT PERFORMANCES OF THE NUTCRACKER EVERY YEAR AND THE
4 SPRING PERFORMANCE, AT REASONABLE PRICES SO ALL THE CHILDREN
5 CAN COME AND SEE US, AND WE DO HAVE LOTS OF CHILDREN COME IN
6 FOR FREE FROM VENICE FAMILY CLINIC AND THE DOWN'S SYNDROME
7 CHILDREN, ALL THAT, SO THAT'S OUR AIM, IS TO GIVE BALLET AND
8 THE ARTS TO THE CHILDREN AND THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, ZEV?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THAT'S IT.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK MR. AL
17 ROBLES AND ROB KATHAMANN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WATER
18 REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT TO JOIN ME UP HERE. TODAY IS A VERY BIG
19 DAY FOR THEM. TODAY IS THEIR 50TH-- THIS IS THE ACTUAL DATE OF
20 THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY. FOR FIVE DECADES, THE W.R.D. HAS
21 WORKED DILIGENTLY TO FULFILL ITS MISSION OF ENSURING THE
22 CONTINUED BENEFICIAL USE OF THE CENTRAL AND WEST COAST BASINS
23 FOR GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO FULFILL
24 ITS MISSION HAVE INCLUDED THE PIONEERING USE OF RECYCLED
25 WATER, THE EXPANDED CAPTURE AND USE OF STORM WATER FOR



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1 REPLENISHMENT, MULTIPLE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION CLEAN UP
2 PROJECTS IN THE CENTRAL BASIN, DESALINIZATION OF THE BRACKISH
3 WATER IN THE WEST COAST BASIN AND THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE
4 SEAWATER BARRIER WELLS IN BOTH BASINS. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE
5 RESULTED IN A STEADY REDUCTION FOR US ON THE RELIANCE OF VERY
6 EXPENSIVE AND UNCERTAIN SUPPLY OF IMPORTED WATER AND A STEADY
7 INCREASE IN USE OF A LOCALLY DEVELOPED SUPPLY, SO ON BEHALF OF
8 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS
9 COUNTY, WE WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, W.R.D., AND HAPPY 50TH.
10 [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **ALBERT ROBLES:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU, HONORABLE
13 SUPERVISORS. WE APPRECIATE THIS HONOR AND WE APPRECIATE THE
14 TIMELINESS. TODAY IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WATER
15 REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT, SO IF THAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK OR NEXT
16 WEEK, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS SPECIAL, SO THANK YOU, MR.
17 CHAIRMAN, FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN TODAY. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH. AGAIN, HAPPY 50TH. MORE
20 IMPORTANTLY, THANKS FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY IN DOING THIS THIS
21 AFTERNOON. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. HAPPY
22 BIRTHDAY. MIKE?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, WE WANT
25 TO RECOGNIZE WALTER WONG, WHO IS WITH US WITH HIS WIFE,



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1 SHIRLEY. WALTER STARTED A COMPANY IN 2005, J.M. EAGLE, WITH
2 \$200 MILLION AND NOW IT IS WORTH OVER \$1.6 BILLION. IN THIS
3 ECONOMY, HE'S CREATED OVER A THOUSAND NEW JOBS. THIS IS TO
4 RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUAL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN HELPING OUR
5 ECONOMY AND PROVIDING JOBS, WHAT IS NOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST
6 PLASTIC PIPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN THE WORLD. WALTER
7 ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY AND HE AND HIS
8 WIFE, SHIRLEY, HAVE LIVED IN-- COMING HERE FROM NEW JERSEY TO
9 THE BETTER WEATHER AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THEY'RE HERE
10 AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WALTER AND
11 SHIRLEY REMEMBER OUR DELEGATION TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN
12 DALI IN CHINA IN SEPTEMBER WHERE I SPOKE ON A COUPLE OF THE
13 PANELS. HE WAS THERE ALONG WITH BILL ALLEN OF OUR ECONOMIC
14 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. HE AND HIS WIFE SHIRLEY ALSO
15 ESTABLISHED PLASTER PRO TO MARKET FIBERGLASS FOR HOME BUILDING
16 PRODUCE WHICH ARE SOLD NATIONWIDE. IN ADDITION TO HIS
17 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE SERVES ON A NUMBER OF BOARD
18 OF DIRECTORS OF FINANCIAL INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES AND HAS BEEN
19 THE RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS FROM THAT. THIS PAST SATURDAY, HE
20 SPOKE TO THE METHODIST HOSPITAL IN ARCADIA, THEIR FOUNDATION
21 WITH MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, ABOUT 150 PEOPLE, ON A
22 VERY PERSONAL TESTIMONY THAT HE HAD-- BECAUSE HE IS A SURVIVOR
23 OF STAGE 3-- STAGE 4-- STAGE 4 NASAL CANCER, WHICH IS UNHEARD
24 OF, AND THROUGH THE PRAYER OF HIS FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS AND
25 HIS FAITH, HE OVERCAME THAT AND WAS HEALED AND THAT WAS



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1 REMARKABLE. HE GAVE THAT TESTIMONY AT THE HOSPITAL, IT WAS
2 VERY WELL RECEIVED AND SHOWING YOU THE STRONG FAITH AND THE
3 STRONG FAMILY IS ABLE TO PROVIDE. HE AND HIS WIFE SHIRLEY JUST
4 GAVE A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS
5 ANGELES FOR THE ACADEMIC CHAIR ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND
6 CHINESE-AMERICAN STUDIES AT U.C.L.A., AND THIS IS GOING TO
7 FUND A MEDIA PROGRAM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND POLICYMAKERS ON
8 CHINESE-AMERICAN ISSUES. THEY ARE LEADING SUPPORTERS OF
9 EFFORTS TO BRING CLEAN WATER, COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPING
10 COUNTRIES AND THEY CONTRIBUTED PLASTIC PIPES TO BRING WATER
11 FROM A MOUNTAIN SPRING TO A COMMUNITY OF 5,000 IN HONDURAS,
12 AND IN AFRICA, THEY'VE BEEN QUITE INVOLVED AND THEY SUPPORT A
13 PROJECT TO DELIVER-- DEVELOP WATER DELIVERY AND SANITATION
14 SYSTEMS FOR NEEDED COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN THAILAND AND THE
15 LATEST PROJECT IS IN SENEGAL, AFRICA, WHICH IS TO PARTNER WITH
16 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S MILLENNIUM PROJECT TO CONTRIBUTE PLASTIC
17 PIPES AND INSULATION THERE. IN 2008, THE PROJECT PROVIDED
18 13,500 PEOPLE WITH 70 MILES OF PIPE TO 63 VILLAGES IN AFRICA.
19 THIS YEAR, THEY'RE DONATING 293 MILES OF PLASTIC PIPES TO
20 SEVEN OTHER AFRICAN COMPANIES, NAMELY GHANA, MALI, RWANDA,
21 UGANDA, KENYA, TANZANIA AND THEY'LL BE PROVIDING WATER FOR
22 OVER 100,000 PEOPLE. SO WALTER AND SHIRLEY BELIEVE IN CARRYING
23 OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION AND DOING AND SHARING THEIR ABILITY
24 TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND HELP THOSE IN NEED, SO WALTER? WE



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1 WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES AND WISH YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD SERVICE.

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4 **WALTER WONG:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **WALTER WONG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT'S
7 REALLY TRULY AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE. AS SUPERVISOR
8 MENTIONED, I HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR TO TRAVEL WITH HIM AND
9 THE DELEGATION TO DALIAN FOR THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM AND IT'S
10 REALLY TRULY A BLESSING TO HAVE PUBLIC SERVANTS LIKE MICHAEL
11 AND TO REALLY SERVE ALL OF US. JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR
12 COMPANY. WE ACTUALLY RELOCATED FROM THE GREAT STATE OF NEW
13 JERSEY TO THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA TWO YEARS AGO. WE
14 BROUGHT OVER 66 FAMILIES AND OUR HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED AT
15 5200 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE
16 AND WE HIRED OVER A HUNDRED WORKERS IN THE GREAT STATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA, BUT WE ALSO HAVE FIVE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN
18 CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS KIND OF A RARITY THESE DAYS TO HAVE A
19 DOMESTIC MANUFACTURER, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE SURVIVING, WE ARE
20 RESILIENT, AND BECAUSE OF THE TALENT POOL AS WELL AS THE POOL
21 FROM THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE ALSO HAVE 16 OTHER
22 FACTORIES THROUGHOUT OTHER 16 STATES. ANYWAY, AT THE END OF
23 THE DAY, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PUBLIC SERVANTS, ALL
24 THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA AND



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1 IT'S REALLY, AGAIN, AN HONOR TO BE HERE. THANK YOU.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE FOXY WHO'S A CHIHUAHUA
5 MIX. SHE'S ONLY 16 WEEKS OLD, AND YOU CAN SEE WITH THAT
6 CHIHUAHUA THERE'S A LITTLE DASCHY. ACTUALLY, ANYBODY WANT A
7 DACHSY MIX, HOW'S THAT? SHE'S 16 WEEKS OLD, (562) 728-4644.
8 LITTLE FOXY CAN BE YOURS. YEAH. OKAY. LET'S SAY THIS IS A
9 DACHSHY MIX. SOMEONE LIKE LITTLE DACHSIES? OKAY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE, MIKE? GLORIA? OKAY.
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE FIRST UP.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
15 DONALD LANNING WHO WAS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
17 84. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE AERO BUREAU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, PLEASE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DUSTIN "DUSTY" POTTS PASSED AWAY AT THE
22 AGE OF 70. HE STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE GLENDALE FIRE
23 DEPARTMENT, THEN JOINED THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE
24 HE SERVED 30 YEARS. HE RETIRED IN 1993 AS FIRE CAPTAIN. DELIA



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1 LORRAINE BRAGDON, THE WIFE OF CHIEF CLYDE BRAGDON, OUR FORMER
2 FIRE CHIEF.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO BE ON THAT ONE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE LEAVES FIVE SONS, 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND
7 FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. EILEEN
8 BROWN, ALSO OF GLENDALE, WAS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS
9 AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AT GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THEN
10 BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF CASA VERDUGO CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL IN
11 GLENDALE, AND THEN SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE WITH THE AMERICAN
12 NURSING HOME ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSING HOME
13 ADMINISTRATORS, AND THEN LATER BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEEN
14 OF ANGELS CLINIC, WAS HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE GUILD OF
15 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ECHO PARK COMMUNITY
16 COUNSEL, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE VERDUGO HILLS VISITING NURSES
17 ASSOCIATION. EILEEN BROWN. WILLIAM HENRY CARTWRIGHT, WHO WAS A
18 RESIDENT OF ACTON, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
19 WAS THE OWNER OF CARTWRIGHT & SONS TRACTOR FRONT LOADER AND
20 DIGGER SERVICE. CLARA MAE COLE, 92, ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND SHE
21 ESTABLISHED THE J.G. COLE AND SONS RANCH IN 1943, WHICH IS A
22 320 ACRE RANCH WHICH FARMED RAISING ALFALFA AND BARLEY. JOYCE
23 FAYE LANE, SHE WAS SECRETARY TO THE PRINCIPAL AT DESERT WINDS
24 HIGH SCHOOL AND A FRIEND AND FORMER AMBASSADOR, JAMES LILLEY,
25 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81, WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER. HE



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1 WAS A UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO CHINA DURING THE TIANANMEN
2 SQUARE CRACKDOWN, WAS A MEMBER OF THE-- ALSO SERVED AS THE
3 AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TAIWAN, ALSO A LONG
4 TIME WITH THE C.I.A. HE JOINED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
5 IN 1951 AND ROSE TO THE POSITION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
6 OFFICERS FOR CHINA. HE SERVED PRESIDENT REAGAN AS HIS
7 APPOINTEE TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WAS DIRECTOR OF
8 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
9 OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS ALSO SERVED AS UNITED STATES
10 AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH KOREA AND IN 1989, WAS APPOINTED BY GEORGE
11 H. W. BUSH TO BE THE AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, BECOMING THE ONLY
12 AMERICAN DIPLOMAT TO HEAD DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BOTH MAINLAND
13 CHINA AND TAIWAN. HE WAS ALSO BORN IN CHINA. HE WAS A MAJOR
14 CRITIC OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE CRACKDOWN AND HOUSED TOP
15 CHINESE DISSIDENTS, FANG LIZHI IN THE EMBASSY FOR OVER A YEAR
16 BEFORE THE CHINESE ALLOWED HIM TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.
17 DESPITE THAT, HE WAS WELL RESPECTED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
18 AND PLAYED CRUCIAL ROLES IN ARRANGING A SECRET TRIP BY TWO
19 U.S. OFFICIALS TO BEIJING TO CONTINUE THE WARM RELATIONSHIPS
20 BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT
21 FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BECAME A SENIOR FELLOW AT THE
22 AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, FOCUSING ON EAST ASIAN
23 RELATIONS AND HE TAUGHT ABOUT CHINA AT JOHN HOPKINS
24 UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR LILLEY ALSO WELCOMED US MANY TIMES WHEN
25 HE WAS AMBASSADOR ON OUR TRIPS TO CHINA AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL



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1 IN HELPING US IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SINJON [PH?], WHERE WE
2 WERE ATTEMPTING TO BRING THE MUMMIES FROM SINJON TO THE LOS
3 ANGELES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY FOR EXPOSITION. HOWEVER, DUE
4 TO OTHER REASONS, THAT DID NOT OCCUR AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN THE
5 RECIPIENT OF THOSE MUMMIES. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT ORANGE
6 COUNTY WILL BENEFIT FROM OUR HARD WORK. THEY'LL BE HAVING THAT
7 DISPLAY EXHIBITION IN MARCH OF 2010, AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY
8 TO GO SEE THAT AND ALSO AMBASSADOR LILLEY HAS WRITTEN A BOOK
9 ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO ON CHINA, WHICH IS WELL READ, WELL
10 RECEIVED AND WOULD BE A GOOD BOOK TO READ. RONIE MCCLASKEY, A
11 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO OWNED MCCLASKEY MOTORS,
12 WHICH HE HAD ESTABLISHED IN 1997. DOUG RING, WHO WE ALL JUST
13 ATTENDED HIS FUNERAL, WHO WAS ATTORNEY, DEVELOPER, SERVED ON
14 MANY L.A. CITY COMMITTEES OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS AND HE LEAVES
15 HIS WIFE, FORMER L.A. CITY COUNCILWOMAN CINDY MISCIKOWSKI. OM
16 PRAKASH SEHGAL, THE FATHER OF I.S.D. COUNTY EMPLOYEE RITU
17 SEHGAL, PASSED AWAY AT 77. HE WAS BORN IN INDIA. RECEIVED HIS
18 DOCTORATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND HE TAUGHT AT THE
19 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE. LEAVES HIS WIFE
20 OF 45 YEARS, TOSHI, AND TWO CHILDREN AND THREE SIBLINGS.
21 BROOKS HAYES VINSON WAS A SPECIALIST AT THE J.P.L. LABORATORY
22 FOR 34 YEARS WITH THE DEEP SPACE NETWORK AS WELL AS THE
23 QUALITY ASSURANCE SECTION. N.A.S.A. PRESENTED BROOKS WITH THE
24 MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AND J.P.L. PUT HIM ON THEIR HONOR ROLL
25 FOR DEDICATED SERVICE. BROOKS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES



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1 ARMY, MILITARY POLICE UNIT, AT THE PANAMA CANAL DURING THE
2 KOREAN CONFLICT. AS A VOLUNTEER, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE
3 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOR 37 YEARS, WAS COMMANDER OF THE
4 AMERICAN LEGION POST 570 FOR FOUR YEARS, SERVED AS PRESIDENT
5 OF THE CAL. TECH. MANAGEMENT CLUB AND EMPLOYEES RECREATION AND
6 WAS ACTIVE IN OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA WITH HIS
7 WIFE, ELAINE, WHO HE LEAVES AND HIS SON, BRENT. IS SISTER
8 PATRICIA ZINS OF SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET SINCE
9 1947, WAS A GRADUATE OF THE CATHOLIC GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL IN
10 MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERYBODY DO THEIR ADJOURNMENTS?

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE UP.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 3.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S OKAY, CAN DO ADJOURNMENTS LATER.
21 ITEM NUMBER 3. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS,
22 JUST HOT OFF THE PRESS. OKAY. LET ME GET THIS IN ORDER HERE
23 AND WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I'M GOING TO
24 CALL FOUR SPEAKERS UP AT A TIME AND WHEN YOU FINISH WITH YOUR
25 TESTIMONY, IF YOU'D RETURN TO YOUR SEATS AND THEN I WILL CALL



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1 OTHER SPEAKERS. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK AND THERE
2 WILL BE A TIMER UP HERE, SO LET'S BEGIN WITH MARLIN ELENES,
3 NICOLA EDWARDS, MICHELLE GUTIERREZ, AND JOHN WALSH. WHOEVER
4 WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED, JUST GIVE US YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD
5 AND WE WILL START YOUR TIME. THANK YOU. OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD
6 LIKE TO START, SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE.

7

8 **NICOLA EDWARDS:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS NICOLA
9 EDWARDS, I WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION JUST DOWN THE STREET HERE
10 CALLED CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES AND I'M HERE TO
11 EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION. OUR ORGANIZATION IS A
12 NONPROFIT PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY GROUP WHOSE MISSION IT IS TO
13 IMPROVE THE NUTRITION OF LOW INCOME CALIFORNIANS BY ENSURING
14 THEY HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD, AND 10, 15 YEARS AGO, WE
15 WERE MORE FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAD ACCESS TO
16 FOOD REGARDLESS OF WHAT FOOD THAT WAS AND NOW WITH OUR
17 ENVIRONMENT OF OBESITY, THE RATES OF OVERWEIGHT AND CHRONIC
18 DISEASE, WE'RE MORE LOOKING AT SHIFTING OUR FOCUS AT THE
19 NUTRITION AND THE QUALITY OF FOOD WE'RE PROVIDING, AND SO
20 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE,
21 BUT THERE'S MORE WORK TO BE DONE. W.I.C. HAS SHOWN US THAT
22 ABOUT 34 PERCENT OF THREE TO FOUR YEAR OLDS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
23 ALREADY EITHER OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, AND SO WE HAVE A LOT MORE
24 WORK TO DO IN THE YOUNGER GROUP. I'D LIKE TO DRAW YOUR
25 ATTENTION TO TWO PARTS OF THE MOTION, PROMOTING BREAST



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1 FEEDING, WHICH IS FANTASTIC. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT CHILDREN WHO
2 ARE BREAST FED HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES LATER ON IN LIFE, AND SO
3 OUR THOUGHTS ARE THE NEXT OBVIOUS STEP IS TO CLOSE THE GAP IN
4 CHILD CARE SETTINGS AND TO ENSURE AND TO ESTABLISH POLICIES TO
5 ENSURE THAT THERE'S OPTIMUM NUTRITIONAL PRACTICES IN CHILD
6 CARE SETTINGS. WE'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH OF WHICH I'VE PASSED
7 AROUND A REPORT TO YOU LAST YEAR THAT SHOWS THAT THE NUTRITION
8 IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS CAN DEFINITELY BE IMPROVED AND TO MORE
9 CLOSELY ALIGN WITH THE DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS. AND
10 SO WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT A TRAINING PROGRAM BE SET UP FOR
11 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, THE NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS THAT WE'RE
12 SUGGESTING ARE PRETTY SIMPLE BUT IT REALLY REQUIRES SOME
13 EDUCATION FOR THESE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, AND SO WE BELIEVE
14 THAT'S A KEY STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENTING BETTER NUTRITIONAL
15 STANDARDS IN CHILD CARE, AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
16 WITH THE BOARD AND ENSURING THAT ALL CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA
17 HAVE BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

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21 **MARLIN ELENES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARLIN ELENES. I AM
22 A SENIOR STUDENT AT CAL. STATE NORTHRIDGE AND VOLUNTEER AT THE
23 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR
24 SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY ISSUES IN MOTION BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH. OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD HEALTHIER LIVES



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1 FREE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE, AND YOUR NUTRITION
2 AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION INITIATIVES FIT VERY WELL WITH
3 MANY OF AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION POLICY GOALS AND
4 OBJECTIVES. REDUCING CONSUMPTION OF UNHEALTHY FOODS AND
5 BEVERAGES AND INCREASING THE CONSUMPTION OF HEALTHY FOODS AND
6 BEVERAGES IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AS PROMOTING ACCESS TO SAFE
7 PLACES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. WE ALSO FEEL THAT EARLY
8 CHILDHOOD NUTRITION IS ESSENTIAL AND THAT WORK SITE WELLNESS
9 PROGRAMS CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE OVERALL HEALTH OF AN
10 ORGANIZATION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN A FOREFRONT OF ANTI-
11 SMOKING INITIATIVES AND WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE
12 GOING TO TAKE A PROACTIVE STANCE ON PROMOTING SMOKING
13 PREVENTION AND CESSATION. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO WORK TO
14 ADVANCE STRONG AND PROGRESSIVE POLICIES THAT WILL SAVE
15 THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I WOULD ASK GWENDOLYN
18 FLYNN AND MATTHEW DODSON TO JOIN US. NEXT?

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20 **MICHELLE GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 MICHELLE GUTIERREZ AND I WORK WITH THE CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR
22 PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY. WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
23 DEDICATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH, OBESITY PREVENTION AND PREVENTION
24 OF DIABETES AND CHRONIC DISEASE. WE HAVE COME BEFORE YOU IN
25 THE PAST TO SUPPORT THE 100 PERCENT HEALTHY VENDING MACHINE



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1 ORDINANCE AND MORATORIUM ON FAST FOOD. WE SUPPORT
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF STRONG POLICIES THAT IMPROVE HEALTH AND
3 PROMOTE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS SUCH AS THE ONE BEFORE YOU TODAY.
4 ANOTHER ASPECT OF OUR WORK IS TO REVIEW AND RESEARCH DATA AND
5 ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND TEENS UNDERSTAND POLICY.
6 ONE SUCH RECENT STUDY IS CONDUCTED IS ENTITLED "BUBBLING OVER"
7 AND IS A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF SODA AND SWEETENED BEVERAGES.
8 I HAVE COPIES FOR YOUR REVIEW TODAY. LET ME HIGHLIGHT SOME
9 MAJOR POINTS. IN CALIFORNIA, 62 PERCENT OF ADOLESCENTS AGES 12
10 TO 17 AND 41 PERCENT OF CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 11 DRINK AT LEAST
11 ONE SODA OR OTHER SWEETENED BEVERAGE PER DAY. 24 PERCENT OF
12 ADULTS DRINK AT LEAST ONE SODA OR OTHER SWEETENED BEVERAGE ON
13 AN AVERAGE DAY. ADULTS WHO DRINK SODA OCCASIONALLY ARE 15
14 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO BE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, AND ADULTS WHO
15 DRINK ONE OR MORE SODAS PER DAY ARE 27 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO
16 BE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE THAN ADULTS WHO DO NOT DRINK SODA. IN
17 CALIFORNIA, 21 PERCENT OF ADULTS ARE CURRENTLY OBESE AND AN
18 ADDITIONAL 35 PERCENT ARE OVERWEIGHT. AMONG ADOLESCENTS, 14
19 PERCENT ARE OBESE AND ANOTHER 16 PERCENT ARE OVERWEIGHT. IN
20 THE 1970S, 15 PERCENT OF ADULTS WERE OBESE AND THAT RATE HAD
21 CLIMBED TO 32 PERCENT. EVERY SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC HEALTH MOVEMENT
22 FROM SANITATION TO AIR POLLUTION, FROM DRUNK DRIVING TO
23 TOBACCO USE, HAS SHOWN THAT PEOPLE CAN BE HEALTHY ONLY IF
24 PUBLIC POLICIES IN PLACE TO SUPPORT THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE
25 HEALTHY CHOICES. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE ARE FOUR TIMES



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1 MORE FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS AND CONVENIENCE STORES FOR EVERY
2 GROCERY STORE AND FRUIT AND VEGETABLE OUTLET. THIS CREATES A
3 SCENARIO THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE THE RIGHT
4 CHOICE, THE HEALTHY CHOICE, THE EASY CHOICE. AS A RESULT, THE
5 AVAILABILITY OF SWEETENED BEVERAGES IS HUGE. WE MUST FOCUS ON
6 PREVENTION THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT
7 PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS WELL AS
8 ENCOURAGE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN ORDER TO
9 IMPROVE NUTRITION, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR CHILDREN. I WOULD LIKE
10 TO THANK YOU FOR HEARING THIS MOTION TODAY AND TO COMMEND YOU
11 FOR BOLDLY ADDRESSING IMPORTANT HEALTH ISSUES SUCH AS THESE.
12 THANK YOU AGAIN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK THAT PATRICK
15 O'ROURKE TO JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY. GO AHEAD, JOHN.

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17 **JOHN WALSH:** DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS A HABIT. I
18 ONLY COME WHEN RAIL LINES ARE OPEN. HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT
19 ORG. THAT'S OUR BLOGGING SPOT, GO THERE. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT
20 SEA TO SEA, THE TAP CARD. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, WHEN
21 YOU GO INTO A CHECK CASHING PLACE, WHICH IS THE LOWEST PLACE
22 ON EARTH--

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 3, JOHN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT'S NUMBER 3, 3-C. 3-C. ALREADY I'M BEING
2 HECKLED. IN ANY CASE, SEE WHERE IT SAYS TAP ACCESS PROGRAM?
3 THESE CARDS, YOU GIVE THEM \$60, THEY COME BACK AND THEY TELL
4 YOU THAT IT'S FULLY LOADED. MAYBE IT'S FULLY LOADED, MAYBE
5 IT'S NOT. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHEATED ON THEIR TAP CARDS.
6 RIDERSHIP IS FALLING, YOU KNOW RIDERSHIP IS FALLING. YOU KNOW
7 FROM THE METROLINK BOARD, RIDERSHIP IS FALLING, LIGHT RAIL IS
8 FALLING, BUSES ARE FALLING, WHILE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A
9 GIGANTIC RECESSION AND MEANWHILE, WE GOT THE TAP CARDS, SO WE
10 HAVE ON CREDIT, ON FAITH WE BUY THE TAP CARD AND MAYBE THE
11 CHECK CASHING PLACE ACTUALLY PUTS THE FULL AMOUNT ON THERE. IF
12 YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FALLING RIDERSHIP, GO TO THE
13 METROLINK WEB SITE, GO TO M.T.A. WEB SITE, OR IF YOU REALLY
14 WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, GO TO HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT
15 ORG. I WANT TO FINISH BY SAYING WE HAD A WONDERFUL DISCUSSION
16 ON TAP CARDS AND FAIR MEDIA AND ALSO AT THE METROLINK BOARD ON
17 TERRORIST INSURANCE, A SUBJECT NEVER SPOKEN ABOUT IN THE
18 HISTORY OF AMERICA IN PUBLIC SESSION EXCEPT LAST FRIDAY.
19 YOU'LL SEE THAT ON HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT ORG, AND I WANT TO
20 SAY, IT'S ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO COME HERE, UNLIKE THE CITY
21 COUNCIL WHO TODAY DECIDED TO LEAVE EARLY BECAUSE C.R.A. MEMBER
22 HAD A DRUG OVERDOSE. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE DIED OF SUICIDE,
23 BUT WE KNOW HE DIED
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.



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2 **JOHN WALSH:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WOULD ASK THAT MARSHA LAU JOIN
5 US, PLEASE.

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7 **GWENDOLYN FLYNN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, ALL. MY NAME IS
8 GWENDOLYN FLYNN. I'M A POLICY DIRECTOR WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH
9 COUNCILS. WE'RE A HEALTH POLICY ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION LOCATED
10 IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT OF SOUTH L.A., AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
11 LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH, IN
12 INTRODUCING A MOTION TO DEFINE A BROAD POLICY AGENDA AND
13 INCLUDE NUTRITION, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, PROMOTION ACTIVITIES
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO
15 WORK GRANT APPLICATION. SUPPORT FOR NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL
16 ACTIVITY PROMOTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES, SOUTH LOS ANGELES IS
17 CRITICAL TO REDUCING THE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF
18 OBESITY AND OBESITY-RELATED CHRONIC DISEASES. I WON'T GET INTO
19 THE STATISTICS, I THINK YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH AWARE OF WHAT THEY
20 ARE. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE POLICY INITIATIVES DESCRIBED IN THE
21 MOTION TO DEVELOP NUTRITION PROMOTING SOCIAL MARKETING
22 CAMPAIGN, ESTABLISH JOINT USE PROGRAMS WITH SCHOOLS AND
23 INTEGRATED THE REGION'S BIKING INFRASTRUCTURE. WE STRONGLY
24 RECOMMEND THAT THE PROPOSAL AND THE COUNTY POLICY AGENDA
25 PROVIDE FOR COHESIVE AND COORDINATED STRATEGY TO PREVENT AND



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1 REDUCE OBESITY AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL
2 ACTIVITY. AND FINALLY, THE COUNTY SHOULD BE STRATEGIC IN ITS
3 PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH AND LEVERAGE OTHER PUBLIC AND
4 PRIVATE INITIATIVES SUCH AS FIRST 5 AND THE CALIFORNIA
5 ENDOWMENT'S PLACE-BASED INITIATIVE AND DEVELOPING A SOCIAL
6 MARKETING CAMPAIGN. WE ENCOURAGE THE UTILIZATION OF THE
7 THOUSANDS OF CERTIFIED APPLICATION SISTERS THE COUNTY
8 CONTRACTS WITH, AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
9 WORKING IN NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION. WE LOOK
10 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS. I
11 HAVE A COMPLETE LETTER THAT I'D LIKE TO CIRCULATE TO ALL OF
12 THE SUPERVISORS THAT CONTAINS A LITTLE MORE DETAIL THAT I'D
13 LIKE TO HAND TO THE CLERK AND TO-- AND THIS IS ALSO FOR DR.
14 FIELDING, IF YOU WOULD MAKE SURE HE GETS THAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CECILIA RIVAS. NEXT?

17

18 **MATTHEW DODSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MATTHEW DODSON, AND
19 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS ASSOCIATION.
20 WE'RE A STATEWIDE TRADE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS 500
21 GROCERS FROM NATIONAL COMPANIES DOWN TO MOM AND POP GROCERS,
22 AS WELL AS 300 SUPPLIERS, WHOLESALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF
23 GOODS THAT WE WOULD SELL IN SUPERMARKETS. I WANT TO SAY FIRST
24 OF ALL THAT THE GROCERS UNDERSTAND, I BELIEVE, THE INTENT OF
25 THIS MOTION AND WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE



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1 AS WELL AS THE GENERAL POPULATION IN HEALTHIER EATING HABITS
2 AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO TAKE ON THOSE ISSUES. ALTHOUGH WE DO
3 SUPPORT THAT, WE DO HAVE A FEW CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY THIS
4 PARTICULAR MOTION IS DRAFTED. IT SINGLES OUT SPECIFIC
5 INDUSTRIES TO TARGET AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE SCOPE OF THIS
6 SHOULD BE MORE GENERAL IN ITS FORMAT, AS FAR AS GENERAL
7 EDUCATION ABOUT NUTRITION INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, TAKING ONE
8 SPECIFIC INDUSTRY OR SUB-INDUSTRY AND BEING CRITICAL ABOUT IT.
9 LASTLY, AT THE END OF THIS MOTION, THERE ARE A FEW SUBSECTIONS
10 THAT DEAL WITH POLICY AREAS THAT THE SUPERVISORS WOULD SUPPORT
11 AT BOTH THE STATE AND THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THOSE SPECIFIC
12 PROVISIONS GET INTO AREAS OF MANUFACTURING AS FAR AS SODIUM
13 LEVELS, AS FAR AS PRICING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FOOD
14 PRODUCTS AND WE BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE VERY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE
15 AND ONEROUS ON THE GROCERY INDUSTRY. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CECILIA RIVAS, ARE YOU STILL HERE?
18 PARDON ME? YOU'VE BEEN CALLED, COME ON, TESTIFY. YOU'RE UP.
19 THEN I ASK LEILA SAEDIAN TO JOIN US TOO, PLEASE. OKAY? NEXT.

20
21 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE, I'M IN ZEV
22 YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE. ACTUALLY, DURING THE MID-'80S, I NOTICED
23 AN INCREASE IN THE CORN SWEETENERS IN FOODS AND THEY'VE
24 REAPPEARED IN MANY DIFFERENT FOODS, INCLUDING BEVERAGES. THESE
25 ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST CALORIC AND HIGHEST FATTENING FOODS IN



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1 THE INDUSTRY. THEY BASICALLY CAUSE A LOT OF THE OBESITY, AND
2 SUGAR IS LUMPED IN WITH THEM. SUGAR ISN'T AS BAD. I WOULD LIKE
3 THE BOARD TO ADDRESS CORN SWEETENERS AND TO-- IN THEIR
4 APPROACH TO INCENTIVES TO VOLUNTARILY, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT,
5 THOSE WHO WOULD USE EITHER NON-SWEETENERS OR REAL SUGAR, WHICH
6 REQUIRES LESS CALORIES AND LESS DANGER TO THE HEALTH OF
7 CHILDREN AND ADULTS. ALSO, AS FOR THE SALT CONTENT, HAVE YOU
8 EVER NOTICED, I NOTICED IN HERE, THERE'S NO BEVERAGES
9 MENTIONED. KOOL-AID, SODAS AND MANY OTHERS USE CITRUS ACID AND
10 SALT AS EMULSIFIERS TO PREVENT CLUMPING. THIS REQUIRES MORE
11 SUGAR TO GO AHEAD AND OFFSET THE-- TO MAKE IT TASTE BETTER.
12 PROMOTE-- I WOULD ASK THAT THE BOARD, ON 4-C, INCLUDE-- OR
13 WHAT IS IT? 4-C, I BELIEVE. NO, 4-A, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF
14 SALT IN PACKAGED BEVERAGES AND POWDER, SO THEN THAT LESS SUGAR
15 IS NEEDED AND CHILDREN-- AND ALSO TO SUBSIDIZE PRODUCTS LIKE
16 REAL ORANGE, REAL LEMON, REAL LIME, WHICH USE NO CHEMICAL
17 EMULSIFIERS, NO SALTS, AND ARE LOW IN SALT CONTENTS, THUS
18 REQUIRING LITTLE OR NO SUGAR. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **MARSHA LAU:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARCIA LAU FROM THE COCA COLA
23 BOTTLING COMPANY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M FROM THE DOWNTOWN
24 LOS ANGELES BRANCH. AS A COCA COLA EMPLOYEE, I CAN SAY THAT A
25 COMPANY, WE'RE VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, WORKING



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1 HARD AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES. WE VOLUNTEER THINGS
2 LIKE BEACH CLEAN-UP ON THE STREET CLEAN-UP BECAUSE WE CARE
3 ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WANT TO SET EXAMPLES FOR OTHERS. I
4 AGREE THAT L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE A LEADER IN NUTRITION,
5 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND OBESITY PREVENTION. HOWEVER, I DON'T
6 AGREE WITH SINGLING OUT ONE PRODUCT, WHICH PEOPLE HAVE ENJOYED
7 FOR OVER HUNDREDS OF YEARS, IT'S NOT A DETERMINING FACTOR IN
8 OBESITY EPIDEMIC. IN THESE LAST 100 YEARS, COCA COLA FORMULA
9 HASN'T CHANGED. WHAT HAS CHANGED IS PEOPLE'S BEHAVIORS, MORE
10 AND MORE SUGAR AND MORE AND MORE CALORIES, AND LESS EXERCISE.
11 WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A REAL SOLUTION. I THINK I
12 SPEAK OVERALL FOR MY CO-WORKERS AND MY EMPLOYER WHEN I SAY
13 THAT WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT WAYS TO CREATE A
14 HEALTHIER COMMUNITY. IN FACT, I THINK IF YOU GAVE US A CHANCE,
15 WE'D ALL BE SURPRISED. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER
16 WORKING WITH US AS OPPOSED TO AGAINST US AND AS WE MOVE
17 FORWARD, PUTTING TOGETHER THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN, AND I KNOW,
18 I HAVE SOME COMMENTS FROM MY HEART. OVERALL WHAT WE'RE
19 TARGETING IS THE INNER CITY. COCA COLA, WE DO COMMUNITY
20 EVENTS, WE DO RUNNING EVENTS. WE DID OVER 25 RUNNING EVENTS
21 AND WE ALSO DONATE RUNNING POSITIONS TO SOME OF THESE CHILDREN
22 OUT THERE. WE HAD A CHRISTMAS PARADE LAST YEAR. THE ONLY
23 COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO HELP RIGHT NOW IS INNER CITY,
24 AND I THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO HURT, IF ANYTHING, IT'S GOING TO



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1 BE INNER CITY, SO I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS. THANK
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE. CECILIA
5 RIVAS, LEILA SAEDIAN, AND ASK MIGUEL GOCHI TO JOIN US, I
6 BELIEVE THAT'S IT, AND VERONICA HERNANDEZ. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **CECILIA RIVAS:** [VIA INTERPRETER] GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
9 CECILIA RIVAS. IT'S BEEN 23 YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR
10 THE PROGRAM I.H.S.. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING ALL THE SOCIAL
11 WORKERS-- ALL THE CARETAKERS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME. YOU SIGNED UP ON THIS, BUT
14 IT'S REALLY ITEM 41, I BELIEVE SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, SO SHE
15 SHOULD PROBABLY COME BACK ON ITEM 41.

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17 **INTERPRETER:** OKAY. SHE'LL BE COMING BACK.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL CALL HER UP ON ITEM 41.
20 OKAY. AND THEN TERRENCE FITCH, IF YOU'D JOIN US. OKAY. WHOEVER
21 IS NEXT.

22

23 **LEILA SAEDIAN:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEILA SAEDIAN,
24 AND I AM A MERCHANDISING SUPERVISOR FOR THE COCA COLA BOTTLING
25 COMPANY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES BRANCH. I AM



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1 CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH MOTION THAT WAS PASSED
2 TODAY. BEFORE COMING HERE, I SEARCHED THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE FOR
3 SOME OF THE REPORT OR ANALYSIS ON THE EFFECT OF THESE PROPOSED
4 LIMITATIONS AND PRICING STRATEGIES THAT WOULD HAVE ON JOBS AND
5 THE ECONOMY AND I WASN'T ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING. I AM SHOCKED
6 THAT THIS TYPE OF THING WAS PROPOSED AND PASSED WITHOUT TAKING
7 INTO ACCOUNT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS IT MIGHT HAVE ON THE
8 COMMUNITY. AS A RESIDENT AND VOTER OF THE-- IN THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY, I WANT TO KNOW JUST WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. AS A COCA
10 COLA EMPLOYEE, I'M UPSET THAT IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE BEING
11 TARGETED BY THIS MOTION. IT SEEMS ALMOST DISCRIMINATORY AND
12 WHY ARE WE BEING SINGLED OUT? WE WORK HARD AND PROVIDE
13 PRODUCTS THAT PEOPLE LOVE, NOT JUST SODAS. WE OFFER WATER,
14 FRUIT-BASED DRINKS INCLUDING 100 PERCENT FRUIT JUICES, SPORT
15 DRINKS, AND TEAS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO
16 OBTAIN SOME MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE ECONOMY THE
17 WAY IT IS. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY WE AREN'T LOOKING
18 FOR WAYS IN WHICH TO PARTNER WITH BUSINESSES AS OPPOSED TO
19 PENALIZING THEM. I'M SORRY, BUT I JUST CAN'T SUPPORT YOU
20 VOTING TO PASS A MOTION THAT HASN'T BEEN LOOKED AT THOROUGHLY,
21 ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE'S JOBS ARE POTENTIALLY THREATENED BY
22 IT. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



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1 **MIGUEL GOCHI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MIGUEL GOCHI. I AM A
2 MERCHANDISE SUPERVISOR AT THE COCA COLA COMPANY DOWNTOWN. I'M
3 ALSO MEMBER AND CO-CAPTAIN OF LOS ANGELES RUNNING TEAM. JUST
4 TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND, THREE YEARS AGO, SIX OF US
5 GOT TOGETHER AND STARTED A RUNNING TEAM AS A WAY TO STAY
6 ACTIVE AND GET BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. WE RUN AND WALK IN A
7 VARIETY OF FUNDRAISERS AROUND LOS ANGELES FOR IMPORTANT CAUSES
8 SUCH AS CANCER, HEART HEALTH, CYSTIC FIBROSIS, EDUCATION AND
9 ENVIRONMENT. SINCE STARTING THE RUNNING TEAM, WE HAVE GROWN TO
10 MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS. NOT ONLY HAVE WE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY
11 FOR OUR OWN HEALTH, BUT WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO INSPIRE OTHERS
12 TO DO THE SAME. WE'VE BEEN EDUCATING OUR TEAM MEMBERS AND
13 FELLOW COCA COLA EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
14 ACTIVE AND LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. WE'VE MADE A CONSCIOUS
15 CHOICE TO NOT INCLUDE NEGATIVE ACTIONS AIMED AT SINGLING OUT A
16 PRODUCT OR ANY ONE PARTICULAR CHOICE AS BEING BAD. INSTEAD, WE
17 ARE DELIVERING A BROAD, POSITIVE MESSAGE THAT ENCOURAGES
18 MODERATION AND AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE. IN ALL OF OUR CASES THAT
19 IS STILL INCLUDES ENJOYING A COLD COKE NOW AND AGAIN. I WOULD
20 ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A SIMILAR APPROACH. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE
21 EFFECTIVE EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO LEAD HEALTHIER LIVES, WE NEED
22 TO FIND REAL SOLUTIONS TO THIS VERY COMPLEX PROBLEM. SINGLING
23 OUT A PRODUCT OR SINGLE INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS IS SIMPLY NOT GOING
24 TO DO THE TRICK. IT IS NOT A SOLUTION TO HEALTHY LIVING. AS A
25 COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO STOP FAULTING OTHERS OR



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1 THE MARKETPLACE FOR POOR HEALTH CHOICES. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS
2 TO BE ARMED WITH INFORMATION AND EDUCATION OF HEALTHY LIVING
3 AND NOT UNIVERSALLY PENALIZE. WE AGREE THAT WE SHALL BE
4 LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND WE FEEL WE
5 HAVE A LOT TO OFFER IN TERMS OF IDEAS AND WAYS IN WHICH TO
6 CREATE--

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, LAST LINE
9 THERE?

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11 **MIGUEL GOCHI:** -- HEALTHIER L.A. WE HOPE THAT WE WILL CONSIDER
12 WORKING WITH-- WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER WORKING WITH US
13 MOVING FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. JIM MCGREEVY, IF YOU'D
16 JOIN US, PLEASE.

17

18 **VERONICA HERNANDEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS VERONICA HERNANDEZ AND I'M
19 A DISTRICT SALES MANAGER AT COCA-COLA IN LOS ANGELES. I AGREE
20 THAT THE COUNTY MUST BE A LEADER IN NUTRITION AND OBESITY
21 PREVENTION, BUT I DO NOT AGREE THAT SINGLING OUT A PRODUCT IS
22 THE RIGHT-- ONE PRODUCT IS THE RIGHT APPROACH TO FIGHTING
23 OBESITY ISSUE. I WAS A FORMER NATIONAL SWIMMER, BUTTERFLY, AND
24 I DRANK SODA. I WAS VERY ATHLETIC AND JUST LIKE I AM RIGHT
25 NOW, PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS THE LOS ANGELES



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1 RUNNING TEAM AT COKE, WE EMBRACE OTHERS TO JOIN AND DO THE
2 SAME THING BY BEING ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALSO ENGAGING
3 OTHER STUDENTS, LOW INCOME STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SUCH
4 AS ST. TERIBIAS, AND WE REALLY HELP THESE STUDENTS BRING, YOU
5 KNOW, BRING TO THE BRANCH AND INVITE THEM TO THE BRANCH AND
6 EDUCATE THEM ON BEING FIT AND ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. JUST
7 THIS WEEKEND, WE WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE RUN FOR HER OVARIAN
8 CANCER AND DONATED PRODUCT AND ALSO EDUCATED OTHERS ABOUT THE
9 CANCER ISSUE THAT'S CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE. SO I'M DEFINITELY
10 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE LOS ANGELES RUNNING ORGANIZATION. I'M
11 SORRY, BUT I JUST CAN'T OPPOSE SUPPORTING-- TO SUPPORT VOTING
12 OR PASSING A MOTION THAT HASN'T BEEN LOOKED AT THOROUGHLY IN
13 FIGHTING OBESITY, SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **TERRENCE FITCH:** HI. MY NAME IS TERRENCE FITCH. I'M THE
18 PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
19 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I EMPLOY ABOUT 11,000, A LITTLE OVER
20 11,000 EMPLOYEES AND WE DO ABOUT THREE BILLION IN SALES. I
21 THINK THERE'S A LOT OF MYTHS VERSUS REALITY IN THIS ISSUE, AND
22 THERE IS NO FACTS TO SUPPORT WHAT I HEARD SOME TESTIMONY
23 EARLIER THAT SODAS CAUSE OBESITY. IT'S JUST NOT ABLE TO
24 SUPPORT THAT WITH ANY FACT-BASED REALITY. I DO THINK IT'S A
25 GOOD IDEA FOR THE COUNTY TO STRENGTHEN ITS PUBLIC CORE POLICY



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1 AGAINST HEALTH, AND CERTAINLY AROUND THAT HEALTH MISSION.
2 HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DISCOURAGING THE CONSUMPTION OF
3 SUGARY SWEETENED BEVERAGES IS THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CURE
4 OBESITY. PEOPLE HAVE CONSUMED MANY DIFFERENT FOODS AND
5 BEVERAGES, SO NO ONE SINGLE FOOD OR BEVERAGE ALONE IS
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR PEOPLE BEING OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE. I PERSONALLY
7 DRINK SEVERAL SOFT DRINKS A DAY. I'M UP AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE
8 MORNING TO RUN 6 MILES A DAY. I RUN A 3-BILLION-DOLLAR COMPANY
9 AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M OBESE. I WEIGH 165 POUNDS, THE EXACT
10 SAME WEIGHT I WEIGHED IN HIGH SCHOOL, SO IF I CAN DO IT, A LOT
11 OF PEOPLE CAN DO IT AS WELL. IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A LOT OF
12 EXTRA TIME ON MY HANDS. I BELIEVE EDUCATING CONSUMERS ABOUT
13 THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCING CALORIES CONSUMED FROM ALL FOODS
14 AND BEVERAGES WITH CALORIES EXTENDED THROUGH PHYSICAL
15 EDUCATION IS WHAT MATTERS. IT'S ABOUT THE CALORIE INTAKE.
16 THAT'S WHY WE'VE SPONSORED COUNTLESS EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS,
17 COUNTLESS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS, SOCCER TEAMS, RUNNING
18 TEAMS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. THIS MOTION MAKES LITTLE
19 MENTION TO ANY OTHER CALORIE CONSUMING PRODUCTS. WHY ARE THEY
20 NOT INCLUDED? A COMPANY LIKE OURS THAT SPENDS MILLIONS OF
21 DOLLARS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND, OH, BY THE WAY, WE'VE
22 BEEN HERE SINCE THE EARLY 1920S, IS INVOLVED IN ALL KINDS OF
23 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS.
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.



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2 **TERRENCE FITCH:** YEAH, SURE I CAN. I THINK THAT I JUST WANT TO
3 SAY IT'S ABOUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR SOLUTIONS. ONE
4 EXAMPLE OF THAT, WE WERE ASKED TO REFOREST CALIFORNIA. WE GIVE
5 A MILLION TREES TO CALIFORNIA.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

8

9 **TERRENCE FITCH:** IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
10 WORK TOGETHER FOR SOLUTION-BASED PROGRAMS, NOT SELECTIVELY TAX
11 THEM. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BOB ACHERMAN, JULIO MATAL,
14 AND ARNOLD SACHS AND DEBORAH MEYERS. YES.

15

16 **JIM MCGREEVY:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, MY NAME IS JIM MCGREEVY. I'M
17 ON THE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION. OUR
18 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MAKERS
19 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
20 I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU OUR INDUSTRY'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE MOTION
21 BEFORE YOU TODAY. WHILE WE SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE MOTION, WE
22 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER DELETING REFERENCES TO
23 SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES IN SECTION 1-A AND IN SECTION 1-B
24 AND ALSO DELETING REFERENCES IN THE FIRST FURTHER MOVE TO
25 PRICING STRATEGIES FOR BEVERAGES. THERE'S NO REASON FOR THE



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1 MOTION OR THE APPLICATION THAT YOU'RE SUBMITTING TO THE
2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SINGLE OUT BEVERAGES FOR SPECIAL
3 DEMONIZATION. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE,
4 SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES REPRESENT ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF A
5 PERSON'S DAILY CALORIC INTAKE. THAT MEANS 95 PERCENT OF
6 CALORIES IN DIET COME FROM OTHER FOOD SOURCES. IN ADDITION,
7 OUR MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT OUR INDUSTRY HAS TAKEN SIGNIFICANT
8 STEPS TO COMBAT OBESITY, PARTICULARLY CHILDHOOD OBESITY. JUST
9 A BRIEF SUMMARY OF A FEW OF OUR INITIATIVES. IN 2006, WE
10 PULLED FULL CALORIE SOFT DRINKS OUT OF THE NATION'S SCHOOLS.
11 WE NOW OFFER LOWER AND NO CALORIE BEVERAGES AND IN SMALLER
12 PORTION SIZES. BY DOING THAT OVER THE THREE YEARS OF
13 IMPLEMENTATION, WE REDUCED CALORIES IN SCHOOLS BY NEARLY 60
14 PERCENT, IN THE NATION'S SCHOOLS. OUR INDUSTRY IS ALSO PROUD
15 OF OUR GLOBAL MARKETING GUIDELINES. THESE GUIDELINES APPLY TO
16 ALL NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OTHER THAN WATER, JUICES OR DAIRY-
17 BASED BEVERAGES. OUR COMMITMENT IS TO NOT ADVERTISE OR MARKET
18 OTHER BEVERAGES TO AUDIENCES PRIMARILY COMPRISED OF 50 PERCENT
19 OR MORE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12. IN ADDITION, WE'RE
20 WORKING WITH NATIONAL RETAILERS AND OTHER NATIONAL COMPANIES
21 AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS ON A PROJECT TO REDUCE CHILDHOOD
22 OBESITY BY 2015 BY HELPING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF
23 CALORIE INTAKE AND MAKING INFORMED CHOICES. WE LOOK TOWARD TO
24 WORKING WITH THE BOARD ON THESE ISSUES. HOWEVER, WE OBJECT TO



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1 THE REFERENCES REGARDING BEVERAGES AND THEY DO NOT CONSIDER
2 OUR INDUSTRY'S WORK ON THE ISSUE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **BOB ACHERMANN:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, BOB ACHERMANN ON BEHALF
7 OF THE CALIFORNIA NEVADA SOFT DRINK ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION
8 OF LOCAL BOTTLERS IN CALIFORNIA NEVADA, OF WHICH THERE ARE 12
9 DISTRIBUTION MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN L.A.COUNTY ALONE,
10 EMPLOYING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTING MILLIONS OF
11 DOLLARS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. WE DO SUPPORT THE BOARD LOOKING
12 AT DEVELOPING POLICY ON COMBATING OBESITY. WHAT WE OBJECT TO,
13 AS MR. MCGREEVY POINTED OUT, SINGLING OUT IN SECTION ONE OF
14 SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN TERMS OF
15 DISCOURAGING CONSUMPTION AND DEVELOPING POLICIES ON PRICING
16 STRATEGIES TO DISCOURAGE CONSUMPTION OF SOME BEVERAGES OVER
17 OTHERS. WE DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO DEMONIZE SOFT
18 DRINKS IN THIS EQUATION. OBESITY IS A COMPLEX PROBLEM THAT
19 NEEDS TO BE SOLVED IN A VARIETY OF FASHIONS, NOT THE LEAST OF
20 WHICH IS PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, SO WE SUPPORT THE
21 BOARD LOOKING AT AND DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC POLICY IN THIS
22 REGARD. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THAT DISCUSSION IN TERMS
23 OF FINDING SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? NEXT?



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2 **JULIO MATAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JULIO MATAL. I AM
3 DISTRICT SALES MANAGER WITH THE COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES BRANCH. I WANTED TO START BY
5 SAYING THAT I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH MOTION
6 THAT WAS DISCUSSED TODAY. I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND MORE
7 TIME AND RESOURCES LOOKING AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS,
8 ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO OBESITY. WHAT I DON'T SUPPORT IS
9 THE IDEA THAT DISCOURAGING PEOPLE FROM CONSUMING SUGAR
10 SWEETENED BEVERAGES IS GOING TO SOMEHOW SOLVE THE OBESITY
11 PROGRAM. PEOPLE EAT AND DRINK MANY DIFFERENT FOODS AND
12 BEVERAGES, SO YOU CAN'T VERY WELL SAY THAT ONE FOOD OR
13 BEVERAGES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PEOPLE BEING OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE.
14 I THINK THE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE SHIFTED AWAY FROM DEMONIZING ANY
15 ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE AND TOWARDS EDUCATION. PEOPLE NEED TO
16 UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCING THE CALORIES OF
17 EVERYTHING THAT THEY EAT AND DRINK WITH THOSE THAT THEY BURN
18 OFF. I'M NO PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE
19 COUNTY'S RESOURCES WOULD BE BETTER SPENT EDUCATING CONSUMERS
20 ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE, MODERATION AND PHYSICAL
21 ACTIVITY RATHER THAN COMING UP WITH RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT
22 BEVERAGES AND FOOD CAN AND CAN'T BE SOLD AT COUNTY FACILITIES.
23 AGAIN, I SUPPORT WHAT I THINK WAS ORIGINALLY THE INTENT OF
24 THIS MOTION. I SIMPLY URGE YOU TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT HOW WE GO
25 ABOUT REALIZING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. NEXT?

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4 **DEBORAH MYERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEBORAH MEYERS AND
5 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BREAST FEEDING TASK FORCE OF
6 GREATER LOS ANGELES OF WHICH I'M PRESIDENT. WE'RE HERE TODAY--
7 I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. WE'VE
8 PREPARED PACKETS AND TO GIVE YOU SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION
9 ON THE RIGHTS YOU'LL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT HOSPITAL BREAST
10 FEEDING AND ON THE LEFT YOU'LL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT
11 FOR WORK SITE LACTATION ACCOMMODATION. THE BREAST FEEDING TASK
12 FORCE HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN SEEING POLICIES DEVELOPED THAT
13 WILL LEAD TO EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS TO PROMOTE OPTIMAL
14 INFANT NUTRITION, WHICH STARTS WITH BREAST FEEDING. WOMEN WHO
15 WANT TO BREAST FEED, ALMOST NINE OUT OF 10 WOMEN INITIATE
16 BREAST FEEDING IN THE HOSPITAL, YET FEWER THAN ONE IN FOUR ARE
17 DISCHARGED WITHOUT THEIR BABIES ALSO HAVING BEEN FED FORMULA.
18 MEDICAL EXPERTS AGREE THAT EXCLUSIVE BREAST FEEDING, THAT IS
19 WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTAL FORMULA, IS ESSENTIAL FOR NORMAL INFANT
20 HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT. EXCLUSIVE BREAST FEEDING IS ESSENTIAL
21 TO ENABLE MOTHERS TO ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE MILK SUPPLY SO THEY
22 MAY CONTINUE TO BREAST FEED FOR THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM OF ONE
23 YEAR. MOST INSTANCES OF FORMULA SUPPLEMENTATION IN THE
24 HOSPITAL ARE WITHOUT MEDICAL INDICATION AND ARE A RESULT OF
25 ANTIQUATED POLICIES AND PRACTICES. MOTHERS WHO ARE ABLE TO



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1 CONTINUE TO BREAST FEED AFTER THE INITIAL POSTPARTUM PERIOD
2 FACE FURTHER BARRIERS WHEN THEY RETURN TO WORK. ALTHOUGH THE
3 LABOR CODE REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PRIVACY AND UNPAID
4 BREAK TIME, THERE'S A LACK OF AWARENESS AMONG EMPLOYERS AND
5 MOTHERS ALIKE OF THIS PROTECTION. FURTHER, CHILD CARE
6 PROVIDERS MAY BE UNINFORMED ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE A MOTHER'S
7 EXPRESSED BREAST MILK. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE OUTDATED
8 HOSPITAL POLICIES, LACK OF AWARENESS ABOUT WORKPLACE
9 PROTECTIONS AND INFORMATION GAPS AMONG CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IS
10 THAT INFANTS ARE UNNECESSARILY PUT AT RISK FOR OBESITY AND ITS
11 CONSEQUENCES. FURTHER, HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE HIGHER WHEN
12 INFANTS ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY BREAST FED AND WHEN DURATION IS
13 CURTAILED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** ARNOLD SACHS?

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS I JUST
18 WANTED TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THREE PARTS OF THIS. I WANTED TO
19 ADDRESS NUMBER 3-A AND C. A, B AND C, WHERE YOU EXPLORE THE
20 FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL BENEFIT
21 ENROLLMENT SMOKING FEE. INSTEAD OF INCREASING THE BENEFIT
22 ENROLLMENT SMOKERS FEE, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT DECREASING THE
23 BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO SMOKE OR INCREASING THE AMOUNT THEY HAVE
24 TO CO-PAY FOR THEIR MEDICAL BENEFITS? IF THEY WANT TO-- IF
25 THEY WANT TO ACT IN UNHEALTHY SITUATIONS, LIKE SMOKING, WE'RE



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1 NOT GOING TO GET THE WHOLE LIST, BUT I'M REALLY-- THEY SHOULD
2 PAY FOR IT, AND MY QUESTION, DOESN'T THE HALL OF
3 ADMINISTRATIVE CAMPUS IS 100 PERCENT SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT,
4 ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE QUAD BACK IN THE BUILDING? THEN ITEM
5 B, FACILITATING THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF A BIKE WAY PLAN,
6 BIKE ACCESS AND BIKING INFRASTRUCTURE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND
8 OTHER LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, IT WAS JUST THIS ARTICLE IN THE
9 NORTH VALLEY REPORTER REGARDING, LOCAL ACTIVIST KICKS
10 CONSULTANTS TO THE CURB REGARDING THE BIKE MASTER PLAN THAT
11 THEY WANT TO OPEN UP TRAILS TO MOUNTAIN BIKES. AND THERE'S A
12 LOT OF QUESTION REGARDING THAT ESPECIALLY WITH THE CUTS IN
13 FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE. IS THAT A SITUATION YOU REALLY WANT
14 TO LOOK INTO? AS MUCH AS EVERYTHING ELSE, I'M REALLY CONCERNED
15 ABOUT A BIG BROTHER DIRECTION HERE. THE QUOTATIONS THAT YOU
16 GOT FROM THESE STATISTICS IS LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON IN SOUTH
17 L.A., AND WE HEARD THE SAME STATISTICS WHEN M.L.K. WAS CLOSED,
18 BUT THE STATISTICS ARE STILL THERE WHEN THE HOSPITAL WAS OPEN.
19 AND--

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU NEED TO TAKE DIRECTION. JUST FINISH UP REAL
24 QUICK?



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP.

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3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL SEE YOU PLENTY TODAY, ARNOLD.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, YOU WILL. I'LL BE BACK.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN VISIT.

10 LET ME BEGIN. I KNOW IT'S A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS

11 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BUT I'M OBVIOUSLY VERY CONCERNED

12 ABOUT THE FOCUS AND DUPLICATIVE EFFORTS THAT THIS MOTION CALLS

13 FOR. THE MOTION POINTS TO SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND OTHER

14 FOOD ITEMS AS IF THEY WERE THE ONLY CAUSES OF OBESITY, AND I

15 THINK WE ALL WISH IT WAS AS SIMPLISTIC AS THAT, BUT THE

16 REALITY IS OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A NUMBER OF OTHER FACTORS THAT

17 CONTRIBUTE TO OBESITY, INCLUDING GENES, HEREDITY,

18 ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL DISORDERS. I

19 THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE

20 IMPORTANCE OF BALANCING CALORIES CONSUMED FROM ALL FOODS AND

21 BEVERAGES AND PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES IS WHAT REALLY

22 MATTERS, NOT DEMONIZING ANY ONE PARTICULAR FOOD OR AREA. ALSO,

23 SECTION 3 OF THIS MOTION REPEATS ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE

24 BOARD REGARDING EARLY CHILDHOOD NUTRITION. BACK IN APRIL, I

25 BROUGHT IN A MOTION WHICH WE ALL VOTED FOR DIRECTING THE



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1 C.E.O. TO CONVENE A WORKGROUP IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A CHILD
2 WELLNESS POLICY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT WORKGROUP HAS MET
3 THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AND WILL BE COMING FORWARD TO THIS BOARD
4 IN DECEMBER TO PRESENT AS A POLICY THAT WILL ENCOMPASS MUCH OF
5 WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR ALREADY IN YOUR MOTION, PARTICULARLY
6 AROUND ENSURING THAT UP-TO-DATE NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR
7 CHILDREN ARE IN PLACE AND AVAILABLE TO PROVIDERS WHO SERVE
8 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE AND IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS. WE'RE
9 ALSO FOCUSED ON ENSURING THAT OUR PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS ARE
10 USED APPROPRIATELY AS THAT CAUSES, OBVIOUSLY, OTHER OBESITY
11 ISSUES, AND ARE DETRIMENTAL TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH AS WELL TOO.
12 MY POINT IS THAT MUCH OF WHAT THIS MOTION ASKS FOR, THE COUNTY
13 IS DOING IN SOME SHAPE OR FORM RIGHT NOW WITHIN THE PARAMETERS
14 OF WHAT THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR. I'M REALLY CONCERNED
15 ABOUT OVERREACHING FAR BEYOND THE SCOPE OF WHAT WE DO, WHICH
16 WE ARE-- OUR PLATE IS FULL AND WHICH IS LARGE ENOUGH ALREADY,
17 SO I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
18 WE'RE DOING FIRST ALREADY AND THEN SEE WHAT WE CAN REASONABLY
19 EXPAND OR BUILD UPON AND I'M HAVING AN AMENDMENT, THEY'RE
20 GOING TO HAND OUT THAT, IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 3. IT SAYS
21 "THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD SEEKS TO PROMOTE POLICIES AND
22 HEALTH NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, OF WHICH WE ALL
23 SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THE BOARD SHOULD REAFFIRM ITS ACTION TAKEN
24 ON AUGUST 18TH, 2009 REGARDING THE HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE
25 OPTIONS AT COUNTY FACILITIES AND FURTHERMORE, INITIATE DUE



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1 DILIGENCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS
2 HAVE ANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES TO THE COUNTY AND PUBLIC AT
3 LARGE." TO THINK THAT SOMEONE CANNOT BUY A SOFT DRINK AT
4 DISNEY OR HOLLYWOOD, I MEAN, IT'S JUST-- TO ME, IT'S JUST
5 OUTRAGEOUS. BUT ANYWAY, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 DELETE RECOMMENDATIONS 1-A AND B AND INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. IN
7 CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND ALL OF OUR AFFECTED
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE REMAINING
9 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH A REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 90
10 DAYS ON THE FISCAL, LEGAL, OPERATIONAL AND PRACTICAL IMPACT OF
11 EACH RECOMMENDATION. THE ANALYSIS SHOULD INCLUDE ANY
12 ALTERNATIVES AND OPTIONS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED. THAT'S MY
13 AMENDMENT. SECONDED. OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
14 ANY-- DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE ISSUES?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT I DO
17 SO. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT
18 THAT IN SEPTEMBER, THE ITEM DID COME BEFORE US. MY
19 RECOLLECTION IS THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HELPED TO INITIATE
20 THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL THAT CAPITALIZES
21 ON THE COUNTY'S PREVIOUS HEALTHY PLACE MAKING INITIATIVES. LET
22 ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT THIS MOTION SPECIFICALLY REFLECTS THE
23 PRIORITY NUTRITION POLICY INITIATIVES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS IDENTIFIED IN THE OCTOBER 16TH MEMO AND ALSO
25 SUPPORTS THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT



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1 APPLICATION. BY LAYING OUT THESE POLICY PRIORITIES, I THINK IT
2 SIGNALS TO THE C.D.C. THAT L.A. COUNTY IS WILLING TO GO ABOVE
3 AND BEYOND THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE ARE SPECIFICALLY APPLYING
4 FOR AT THIS MOMENT TO FURTHER OPTIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
5 OUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS AGENDA. THIS MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
6 COLLEAGUES, SOLELY LAYS THE GROUNDWORK CONSISTENT WITH THE
7 DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUEST THAT STAFF EVALUATE
8 HOW TO EFFECTIVELY TRANSITION FROM POLICY GOALS TO ACTUAL
9 IMPLEMENTATION. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE COUNTY'S CURRENT
10 ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES ARE FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS TO ADDRESS
11 THE ISSUES OF OBESITY, DIABETES AND OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES
12 DOES NOT ALIGN WITH TREMENDOUS COST TO OUR HEALTH SYSTEM ON
13 WHAT WE ESSENTIALLY DESCRIBE AS THE BACK END. WE NEED TO BEGIN
14 TO RETHINK THIS AS AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AS WELL AS HEALTH-
15 RELATED ISSUES AS THESE COSTS CONTINUE TO ESCALATE. MIGHT I
16 JUST REMIND US OF THE FACT THAT OUR COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE
17 BURDENED BY WHAT BY MOST STANDARDS WOULD BE SEEN AS
18 UNACCEPTABLE RATES OF OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE. IN ALL
19 CORNERS OF THIS COUNTY, FOR THAT MATTER, ARE 35.4 PERCENT OF
20 THE ADULTS ARE OBESE IN THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES SERVICE PLANNING
21 AREA COMPARED TO 26 PERCENT NATIONALLY FOR ADULTS. ALMOST 40
22 PERCENT OF ADULTS ARE OVERWEIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS
23 ANGELES IN S.P.A. 5 AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SERVICE AREA HAS
24 ALMOST DOUBLE THE DIABETES RATE. IT WOULD SEEM THAT WE WOULD
25 WANT TO BE AS PROACTIVE AS POSSIBLE. SO I WOULD JUST SIMPLY



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1 WANT TO SAY THAT THE MOTION ENCOURAGES COLLABORATION. IT
2 EMPOWERS THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL
3 AS OTHER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE C.E.O. TO
4 DEMONSTRATE THAT WE CAN FOCUS ON BETTER NUTRITION, PHYSICAL
5 ACTIVITY AND OBESITY PREVENTION WHILE STRENGTHENING THE
6 COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
7 SCHOOLS, CITIES, LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER
8 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS WITH A
9 CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF THOUGHT THAT WE BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. I
10 APPRECIATE THE INSIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR BY THE
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THEIR POINTS OF VIEW ARE WORTHY OF
12 CONSIDERATION. IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT WHAT WE HAVE ADVANCED
13 HERE IS WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY PUT US IN THE LEADERSHIP POSITION
14 THAT I BELIEVE THIS COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD BE AS AN ADVOCATE
15 FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS AND DO THAT FROM THE VANTAGE POINT
16 THAT'S PRUDENT AS WELL AS REASONABLE. WITH THAT, I WOULD SO
17 MOVE THE MOTION IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND. LET ME JUST STATE THAT THE COMPANIES
20 THAT PRODUCE THE SUGAR TYPE CAFFEINE DRINKS ALSO ARE
21 MANUFACTURERS, PRODUCERS OF 100 PERCENT FRUIT JUICES AND
22 BOTTLED WATER AND OTHER PRODUCTS. THAT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THEM
23 THAT OPPORTUNITY OF SPONSORING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE
24 COUNTY. THE COUNTY HAS A POLICY. WE DON'T PERMIT CIGARETTE
25 COMPANIES FROM SPONSORING EVENTS. WE DON'T ALLOW LIQUOR



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1 OUTLETS TO SPONSOR COUNTY EVENTS, SO IT'S IN THAT VEIN THAT WE
2 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR BY ENCOURAGING
3 YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS BY HAVING HEALTHIER
4 DRINKS, THEREBY HELPING THEIR HEALTH AND HELPING THEM TO BE A
5 BETTER PRODUCTIVE PERSON, BUT AS YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT, AND IT
6 GOES BEYOND LET'S SAY THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT IS, IF
7 YOU KEEP GIVING THEM THE JUNK FOODS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
8 FAULTY HEALTH SYSTEM, A FAULTY DIET'S GOING TO CONTRIBUTE TO
9 THEIR HEALTH AND AS WE SEE WITH DIABETES, IT'S-- MANY TIMES
10 IT'S THE TYPE OF DIET THEY'RE ON, AND WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR
11 DIET CORRECT, THE DIABETES IS-- GOES AWAY AND THEY GET
12 HEALTHIER. SO MY POINT HERE IS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
13 PROVIDE LEADERSHIP ON A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE TO PROVIDE
14 HEALTHIER CHOICES FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THOSE HEALTHY
15 CHOICES TODAY.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T HAVE AN AGE LIMIT ON YOUR
18 MOTION, SO YOUR ATTEMPT TO TELL SOMEONE OF OUR AGE WHAT THEY
19 CAN OR CAN'T DO IF THEY WANT TO GO TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, IT'S
20 JUST AN OVERREACH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ZEV OR GLORIA OR-- IF YOU
21 HAVE ANY MORE COMMENTS. WE HAVE A MOTION, MY AMENDMENT WHICH
22 BASICALLY SUPPLANTS THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND IT'S BEEN MOVED
23 AND SECONDED, AND I BELIEVE THAT WOULD GO PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON
24 THE MAIN MOTION WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT IS CORRECT, YEAH..

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST SO THAT I UNDERSTAND, THE MOTION RIGHT NOW,
4 IT PRECLUDES ALL SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGE COMPANIES FROM
5 SPONSORSHIP? DO WE KNOW WHO ALL OF THOSE ARE? WOULD IT MEAN
6 THAT SOMEBODY -- I MEAN, HOW DOES THAT WORK? DO WE KNOW
7 EXACTLY HOW THAT WOULD WORK? I MEAN, I KNOW, YOU KNOW, COCA
8 COLA AND PEPSI, YOU KNOW, BUT WHAT IF THERE IS SOME COMPANY
9 THAT MAKES CARS AND ALSO SWEETENED ICE TEAS. I DON'T KNOW. I'M
10 JUST ASKING A QUESTION.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'D HAVE TO GO THROUGH AN INVENTORY OF WHAT
13 TYPE OF BEVERAGES WE HAVE AT OUR VARIOUS VENUES. I UNDERSTAND
14 THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GOOD NUTRITION, BUT I'LL USE THE
15 EXAMPLE OF FAIRPLEX. FAIRPLEX RUNS THE WHOLE GAMUT OF NATURAL
16 FRUIT JUICES TO ARTIFICIALLY SWEETENED FRUIT JUICES, ALL THE
17 WAY UP TO--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. IS THERE SOME LIST
20 SOMEWHERE THAT TELLS YOU EXACTLY WHAT THIS MEANS, WHAT THAT
21 DEFINITION IS? I'M JUST WONDERING.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S WHY THAT INVENTORY OF WHAT WE HAVE IN
24 OUR COUNTY VENUES AND OTHER ENTITIES IMPACTED BY THE MOTION
25 IS, THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE FOR ME TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF MINE WAS, TO
3 ELIMINATE 1-A AND

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M WONDERING IF YOU'RE ELIMINATING IT OR YOU'RE
6 ASKING FOR THE STUDY TO COME BACK WITH ALL THE DETAILS. IS
7 THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 90 DAYS.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE OTHER MOTION WOULD BEGIN THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. IT DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL 2012, CORRECT?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT 1-A CONSIDERS. IT DOESN'T SEEK TO
19 IMPLEMENT POLICY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DECEMBER 2011.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT SAYS CONSIDER INCLUDING LIMITATIONS ON
24 SWEETENED BEVERAGES, SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THEN 1-B IMPLEMENTS. SO THAT'S WHY
2 I'M ASKING IN MINE TO ELIMINATE 1-A AND 1-B AT THIS POINT, GET
3 AN INVENTORY AND COME BACK IN 90 DAYS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 1-B IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING POLICY
6 THAT IS BEING PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE OF 1-A, IT GOES WAY BEYOND THAT,
9 MARK. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT. IF IT'S CONSISTENT, THEN WHY ARE
10 YOU BRINGING IN THE MOTION? IF THAT'S THE POINT, IT'S NOT
11 NECESSARY. WE'VE TAKEN MOTION AFTER MOTION ON TOP OF MOTION
12 AND WE CAME UP WITH A POLICY THAT WAS SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY BY
13 THIS BOARD OVER THE SUMMER. WE'VE ASKED FOR THIS GROUP TO COME
14 BACK, THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION IN
15 DECEMBER, BUT YET WE COME IN WITH A MOTION LIKE THIS, AND
16 THAT'S ALL THE REASON I'M ASKING, IS TO, AT THIS POINT,
17 ELIMINATE 1-A AND 1-B AND COME BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH AN
18 INVENTORY, ALL THE OPERATIONAL FISCAL, LEGAL ISSUES THAT ARE
19 INVOLVED ON EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I TAKE YOUR POINT THAT THE AMENDMENT
22 SEEKS TO SUPPLANT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL
23 MOTION.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT SEEKS, YOU'RE RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THEREFORE I WON'T BE SUPPORTING--

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT DOES SUPPLANT IMPLEMENTATION, THAT'S
5 RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT DOES, AND I'M NOT SUPPORTING TO
8 SUPPLANT IT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT IN 90 DAYS, YOU WOULD
11 HAVE THE INVENTORY, THE AFFECTED AREAS AND ALL THAT. I'M NOT
12 SO SURE I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT ALL OF THAT MEANS, IF THERE'S A
13 LIST SOMEWHERE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OF ALL THE COUNTY VENUES THAT WOULD,
16 AFFECTED.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF COURSE, ALL THE COUNTY VENUES. I TOLD MARK
19 THAN WHEN I WAS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. EMERGENCY ROOM AROUND 8
20 O'CLOCK A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO SAW ALL THOSE FAMILIES WITH
21 CHILDREN AND ALL, I MEAN, IT WAS JUST SODAS, PRETZELS AND
22 COOKIES THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE AND THEY SHOULDN'T. THERE IS NO
23 PLACE TO GET-- I DON'T EVEN THINK IT HAD WATER IN THE VENDING
24 MACHINE, IF I'M CORRECT. THEY HAD TO GO TO THE WATER FOUNTAIN,
25 BUT WE NEED TO DO BETTER, I THINK, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU HAVE



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1 A FACILITY LIKE THAT WHEN YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM THAT'S
2 CROWDED WITH CHILDREN AND OTHERS, THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING
3 BETTER, PARTICULARLY IF THEY'RE WAITING 10, 12 AND 15 HOURS.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE, E.R. VERSUS
6 HOLLYWOOD BOWL OR DISNEY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, SURE. SO THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING, IT'S GOOD TO
9 DEFINE WHAT IT IS AND YET IT DOESN'T HURT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT
10 BECAUSE WITHIN 90 DAYS, YOU'LL HAVE A CLEAR DEFINED LIST AND
11 THEN WE COULD STILL HAVE IT IMPLEMENTED DURING THE TIMEFRAME
12 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD
13 LIKE, IF, IN FACT, DEPENDING ON WHAT THAT COMES BACK WITH.
14 CORRECT? I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMEFRAME HERE. AM I
15 CORRECT?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE TIMEFRAME. IN PART, BUT IS INFORMED BY
18 THE C.D.C. GRANT, WHICH IS DUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND THIS
19 RUNS BEYOND THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THE 90 DAYS THAT'S BEING
20 CALLED FOR. MUCH OF THIS IS IN EFFECT BEING POSITIONED TO MORE
21 FAVORABLY HELP US ACCESS THIS \$40 MILLION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS FOR THE GRANT?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT DOESN'T ELIMINATE THE REST OF YOUR MOTION,
2 SEGMENTS OF IMPLEMENTATION. ZEV?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME KIND OF A
5 REVIEW, MR. FUJIOKA, ON THE INVENTORY OF THE DRINKS AND
6 SPONSORSHIPS, I'M MORE FOCUSED ON THE DRINKS RIGHT, FOR THE
7 PURPOSE OF THIS POINT. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE TRIED TO DO,
8 ESPECIALLY IN THE ADULT COMMUNITY IS, RATHER THAN BAN THINGS,
9 IS TO GIVE PEOPLE OPTIONS. THAT'S WHEN WE DID THE MENU
10 LABELING. OUR VIEW IS THAT IF PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH THE FACTS
11 BEFORE THEM, THAT THIS THING IS 1,500 CALORIES AND THIS THING
12 IS 300 CALORIES AND IT'S JUST AS SATISFYING AND NOBODY EVER
13 THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND PICKED THE 300 CALORIE ITEM, AND WHEN
14 GLORIA JUST MENTIONED THE E.R. EXPERIENCE AT THE HOSPITAL,
15 THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANY OTHER CHOICE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE ISN'T.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SEE, IF WE CAN
20 DO IS, THESE COMPANIES, WHETHER IT'S COCA COLA OR SNAPPLE OR
21 WHOEVER IT IS HAVE THE CAPACITY AND THEY DO MAKE HEALTHIER
22 DRINKS AND THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MAKE EVEN HEALTHIER
23 DRINKS THAN THEY'VE MADE. BY THE WAY, I HAVEN'T DRANK A
24 SWEETENED SODA IN 35 YEARS. I STILL GOT DIABETES, SO IT'S NOT
25 JUST SODAS, IT'S GENETICS, IT'S OTHER THINGS. BUT IN ANY CASE,



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1 I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET ALTERNATIVES FOR
2 PEOPLE TO CHOOSE FROM IN OUR VENDING MACHINES AND IN OUR
3 SPONSORSHIPS. THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL AT
4 THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS, FAIRPLEX, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
5 OPTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, WHEN YOU CAN GET A DIET SODA, YOU CAN
6 GET A CLUB SODA, YOU CAN ALSO GET WINE, AND-- FROM A TO Z, YOU
7 CAN ALSO GET A 3,000-CALORIE CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD, WHICH
8 PEOPLE THINK IS HEALTHY. I LOVE THEM, ABOUT THEY ARE VERY HIGH
9 IN CALORIES. THOSE KINDS OF OPTIONS-- IF WE CAN PROVIDE
10 OPTIONS, JUST FOLD THAT INTO YOUR INVENTORY OR AS PART OF THIS
11 WHEN YOU COME BACK WITH YOUR INVENTORY, IS DEVELOP SOME
12 METHODOLOGY TO GET SOME OPTIONS IN OUR SIGHTS. THAT WOULD BE,
13 TO ME, A MORE ACCEPTABLE WAY TO APPROACH IT AND I THINK IT
14 WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE RESULT ON THE NUTRITION SIDE OF THINGS
15 AS WELL. IT MIGHT LET THE MARKETPLACE-- LET THE MARKETPLACE
16 DETERMINE WHETHER DIET COKE OR REGULAR COKE IS THE FAVORITE
17 DRINK OF THE PATRONS OF ANY OF OUR FACILITIES.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE AMENDMENT IS BEFORE US. MOVED--

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME ASK. RIGHT NOW IN PUBLIC HEALTH, I DON'T
22 KNOW IF THIS GRANT FUND, THE 40 MILLION THAT WE HAVE A
23 DEADLINE DATE FOR, IS IT CONDITIONAL OR IS IT JUST TO POLISH
24 OURSELVES UP TO MAKE A WORTHWHILE PRES-- I WANT TO UNDERSTAND.
25 IS IT A CONDITION ON-- I HAVE A NUTRITION PROGRAM THAT I



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1 OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEAST WHERE WE TEACH FAMILIES HOW
2 TO COOK MEXICAN FOOD AND OTHER LATINO FOODS AND TO TAKE AWAY
3 AND TO CHANGE, YOU KNOW, LARD AND OTHER KINDS OF THINGS OUT,
4 AND WE TEACH THEM HOW TO COOK. WE HAVE THE HEALTH FAIRS WHERE
5 WE TALK ABOUT CHOLESTEROL AND THE KIND OF IMPACT THAT IT HAS
6 AS WELL AS WE HAVE EXERCISE PROGRAMS. I CAN'T GET FUNDING OUT
7 OF THAT FROM ANYWHERE IN THESE DEPARTMENTS, SO I HAVE TO PUT
8 IN MY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO GET THOSE PROGRAMS GOING. WHEN
9 THIS GRANT ISSUE, IS IT LIKE THAT THAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, "OH,
10 WE'RE ELIMINATING THESE THINGS, SO IS IT A CONDITION OF? "
11 BECAUSE IT'S NOT.

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT IS NOT A CONDITION. IT WOULD BE
14 HELPFUL BECAUSE WE'RE IN A VERY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE YOU CAN PUT IN SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING I'M
17 DOING IN THE SOUTHEAST TO BE MORE COMPETITIVE BECAUSE I CAN'T
18 GET ANY FUNDING FOR THESE GROUPS OUT OF THE COUNTY AND THEY DO
19 A WONDERFUL JOB AND THEY ARE SO WELL ATTENDED AND IT'S A GREAT
20 PROGRAM THAT TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO COOK DIFFERENTLY,
21 PARTICULARLY DIABETICS AND ALL THAT NEEDS TO GO ON. IT'S AN
22 EDUCATIONAL THING THAT'S COUPLED WITH EXERCISE AND A PROGRAM
23 THAT'S, AGAIN, ORIENTED FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE NOT BEEN DOING
24 EXERCISE FOR A LONG TIME, BUT SO THAT ISN'T A CONDITION OF.

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT IS NOT A CONDITION OF, BUT THAT
2 GRANT FOCUSES, IT DOES NOT PAY FOR PROGRAMS, IT FOCUSES ON
3 POLICY AND CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S WHAT THE C.D.C.
4 GRANT IS GOING TO BE BASED ON.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY WOULD GIVE YOU THE MONEY TO DO WHAT?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** TO DO THE KIND OF THINGS THAT ONE IS
9 TALKING ABOUT HERE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** LIKE WHAT?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE YOU MONEY TO ELIMINATE IT?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, THEY'RE NOT SPECIFICALLY GIVING US
16 MONEY TO ELIMINATE. WHAT THEY'RE ASKING US TO DO IS WORK IN A
17 NUMBER OF AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IS THE AREA OF MEDIA.
18 ANOTHER IS TRYING TO CHANGE POLICIES IN GENERAL THAT ARE GOING
19 TO ENCOURAGE THE USING OF HEALTHFUL FOODS, THE INCREASED
20 CONSUMPTION OF HEALTHFUL FOODS AND REDUCE--

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S AN INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN. THAT'S WHAT
23 IT'S GOING TO PAY FOR?

24

25 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I'M SORRY?



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AN INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN? IS THAT WHAT IT IS?

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** MEDIA TO TRY AND HELP CHANGE BEHAVIORS
5 TO TRY AND REDUCE OBESITY, PARTICULARLY CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS
6 ONE OF THE PIECES OF IT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY DON'T PAY FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** BASED ON THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'RE
11 ALLOWED TO DO, THEY WON'T PAY FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS LIKE
12 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS, WHICH WE SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW ABOUT NUTRITIONAL COOKING PROGRAMS?

15

16 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** AS I UNDERSTAND THIS GRANT, THEY WON'T
17 PAY FOR THOSE KIND OF SPECIFIC--

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ONLY TO PAY MULTI-MEDIA FIRM TO MAKE A LOT OF
20 MONEY ON A 30-SECOND INFOMERCIAL.

21

22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE ASPECTS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ARE THE OTHERS?

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THEY WILL PAY FOR EFFORTS TO TRY AND
2 CHANGE POLICY. ONE OF THE AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS--

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHANGE POLICIES OR CHANGE ATTITUDES?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. SOME
7 OF IT IS ATTITUDINAL, AND THE MEDIA EFFORTS GO TO THAT. BUT
8 FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WANT US TO-- IN THE TOBACCO AREA, THE BOARD
9 HAS SUPPORTED AND WE'VE GOTTEN SOME MUNICIPALITIES TO DEVELOP
10 RETAIL LICENSE PROGRAMS FOR TOBACCO SO, THAT'S-- INCREASING
11 THE NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS THAT DO THAT WOULD BE ONE EXAMPLE
12 OF HOW TRYING TO PROMOTE POLICY--

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU PUT THAT IN THE
15 APPLICATION ALREADY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO OVERREACH AND
16 OVERREACT WITH THIS MOTION THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING ALREADY
17 WITH ANTI-SMOKING, BREAST FEEDING, HEALTHY KIDS, ALL THE KINDS
18 OF PROGRAMS, NOT JUST US, BUT IN COORDINATION SAY WITH FIRST
19 5, IN COORDINATION WITH L.A. CARE? WE HAVE ALL THESE GREAT
20 THINGS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY APPLICATION, INSTEAD OF
21 TRYING TO ISOLATE AND OVERREACT, JUST TO FEED AN APPLICATION
22 THAT'S NOT GOING TO IMPACT ANY PROGRAM.

23

24 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT
25 APPLICATIONS, SUPERVISOR. ONE IS FOR TOBACCO CONTROL AND THE



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1 OTHER IS REDUCTION IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY, NUTRITION AND
2 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SO I WAS JUST GIVING YOU AN EXAMPLE FROM
3 THE OTHER ONE, BUT IN THE NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, IN
4 WHAT WE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 16TH, I THINK WE HAD
5 EIGHT GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHICH THE ONE YOU'RE SPEAKING
6 ABOUT IS ONLY ONE OUT OF THE EIGHT. THE MORE IN THAT DIRECTION
7 THAT THE BOARD INDICATES I THINK THE STRONGER POSITION WE HAVE
8 COMPETITIVELY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK, AGAIN, DR. FIELDING IS
15 ESSENTIALLY MAKING THE POINT WHETHER WE WANT TO MAXIMIZE THE
16 CAPACITY TO BE COMPETITIVE OR NOT, AND I MIGHT WANT TO ADD THE
17 ADDITIONAL POINT THAT THE PLACE GRANTS TO LOCAL PROGRAMMING IN
18 TERMS OF BIKE PLANS AND SO FORTH ARE POTENTIAL FUNDING
19 OPPORTUNITIES. THESE ARE ACTUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FUND
20 PROGRAMS, NONE OF WHICH WERE MENTIONED HERE, BUT I THINK IT IS
21 THE CASE CONSISTENT WITH THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND THE LIKE
22 THAT THERE WILL BE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WELL BEYOND MEDIA
23 PROMOTION.

24

25 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** OH, ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO
3 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A MEDIA CAMPAIGN-RELATED
4 ACTIVITY.

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S ONE OF THE FIVE COMPONENTS, FOR
7 EXAMPLE, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING ARE
8 INCREASING BREAST FEEDING, INCLUDING IN OUR OWN FACILITIES,
9 HAVING INCREASING WALKING OPPORTUNITIES AND BIKE ABILITY, BIKE
10 TRAILS AND HAVING SCHOOLS THAT OPEN THEIR DOORS FOR AFTER-
11 SCHOOL--

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE NEED A 3-PAGE MOTION FOR THAT? WE
14 NEED A 3-PAGE MOTION TO INCREASE WALKING?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, YOU MIGHT NEED A 5-PAGE MOTION TO
17 INCREASE WALKING, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE POINT IS, THIS IS SERIOUS.
18 DO WE WANT TO BE COMPETITIVE ABOUT THE \$40 MILLION OR NOT?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY 10 MILLION A
21 YEAR IF WE GOT BOTH OF THEM FOR EACH, SO THERE WOULD BE TWO
22 PROPOSALS, THE MAXIMUM IS \$10 MILLION EACH PER YEAR. I'M
23 SORRY?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS A C.D.C. GRANT?



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THIS IS THE STIMULUS FUNDING THAT
3 C.D.C. IS ADMINISTERING.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH IS C.D.C. PUTTING UP NATIONWIDE?

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT'S ABOUT 370 MILLION.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ELIGIBLE FOR METROPOLITAN AREAS OF A CERTAIN
10 LEVEL. THERE'S PROBABLY--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THAT LEVEL, BY THE WAY?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I THINK IT'S A MILLION OR MORE, COUPLE HUNDRED
15 JURISDICTIONS NATIONALLY. THEY INTEND TO AWARD IN THE
16 NEIGHBORHOODS OF 30 TO 40 AWARDS. THE GRANT IS DUE ON THE
17 FIRST OF DECEMBER. IT WOULD BE AWARDED IN FEBRUARY, IT WOULD
18 RUN FOR 24 MONTHS FROM THAT POINT FORWARD, FEBRUARY 2010. IT
19 HAS A TOBACCO COMPONENT TO IT AND IT HAS A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
20 NUTRITION COMPONENT TO IT AND THE OVERALL INTENT OF THE
21 C.D.C.'S APPROACH IS TO NOT FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUAL, IT'S TO
22 FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH DECISION MAKING AROUND
23 TOBACCO OR AVAILABILITY OF TOBACCO, SIMILARLY WITH NUTRITION
24 AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OCCURS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE REST OF THE MOTION, I'VE ONLY
2 ASKED FOR 1-A AND B TO BE ELIMINATED. THE REST OF THE MOTION
3 FITS RIGHT INTO THE APPLICATION PROCESS. ALL THIS DOES, MY
4 AMENDMENT WOULD STOP THE INVITATION TO SAY YOU CAN'T SELL IT
5 ANYMORE. THE REST OF IT GOES RIGHT INTO YOUR APPLICATION PLUS
6 THE ADDITION OF WHAT WE DO ALREADY AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND
7 WHAT'S COMING BACK IN DECEMBER FROM THE TASK FORCE AND
8 EVERYTHING ELSE, SO I WOULD JUST ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THE
9 AMENDMENT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF I COULD JUST ADD, THE COUNTY HAS DONE
12 A LOT IN THIS FIELD ALREADY, WHICH YOU SHOULD MAKE PART OF
13 YOUR APPLICATION WITHOUT ANY MOTION. YOU WOULD HAVE A LOT TO
14 SAY TO THE C.D.C.. I SUSPECT THAT WE HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY
15 THAN MOST METROPOLITAN AREAS OF A MILLION OR MORE, IS WHAT
16 WE'VE DONE IN TERMS OF WHAT THE REGION HAS DONE, WHAT THE
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH US, SEVERAL
18 YEARS AGO IN THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS THE BOARD HAS TAKEN OVER THE
19 LAST YEAR OR TWO. YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY NOW, NOT TO MENTION
20 WHAT'S IN THE BODY OF THIS MOTION.

21

22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, AND THOSE ARE
23 INCLUDED. I THINK WE'RE IN A VERY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT. THE
24 KINDS OF THING THAT WE'VE SUGGESTED DOING ARE WORKING WITH
25 L.A. UNIFIED TO TRY AND HAVE MORE STRINGENT POLICIES IN SCHOOL



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1 TO MAKE SURE KIDS ARE NOT EATING NOT TOO MUCH AND EATING
2 BETTER FOOD, WORKING WITH L.A. UP--

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT BILL ALREADY PASSED IN THE LEGISLATURE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S ALL KINDS OF THINGS YOU CAN PUT
7 IN AN APPLICATION.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, THAT ALREADY PASSED.

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THE BILL PASSED BUT THE L.A.U.S.D.
12 INDICATES THAT THEY NEED MORE HELP IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING
13 THAT AND THEY'VE AGREED TO PARTNER WITH US IN DOING THAT.
14 [OVERLAPPING CONVERSATION.]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS WHERE YOU LOSE ME, DR. FIELDING, IS
17 IF YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THAT A PATRON OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
18 OR WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL OR THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART OR THE
19 FAIRPLEX CAN'T BUY A COKE, YOU'VE LOST ME, AND I HONESTLY
20 DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE TOO MANY JURISDICTIONS-- NAME ME ONE
21 JURISDICTION THAT HAS BANNED THE SALE OF SUGARED DRINKS--
22 JURISDICTION OF A MILLION OR MORE PEOPLE THAT HAS BANNED
23 SUGARY IN THEIR PUBLIC FACILITIES.

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I DON'T KNOW OFFHAND. WE CAN CERTAINLY
2 LOOK AT THAT. I THINK WHAT WE'RE SUGGESTING IS THAT THERE ARE
3 SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR HOW TO IMPLEMENT THAT FOR THE COUNTY TO
4 TAKE LEADERSHIP. THAT IS CERTAINLY ONE WAY TO DO IT. THERE ARE
5 OTHER WAYS, JUST LIKE WE'VE DONE WITH THE VENDING MACHINES,
6 WHERE WE'VE SAID CERTAIN THINGS ARE GOING TO BE IN THE VENDING
7 MACHINES AND CERTAIN THINGS WON'T BE IN THE VENDING MACHINES,
8 SO THERE ARE A BUNCH OF OPTIONS THAT THE BOARD CAN UNDERTAKE
9 WITH RESPECT TO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE BULK OF THIS MOTION IS-- SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAVE PUT FORWARD, HAVE
13 A LOT OF OPTIONS. THE ONE WE'RE FOCUSED ON AT THIS MOMENT IS
14 ONE VERY SHORT PIECE OF IT HAS QUITE A REACH, BECAUSE WHEN YOU
15 TALK ABOUT COMPETITIVE, OUR FACILITIES ALSO COMPETE IN THIS
16 ECONOMY, AND OUR ABILITY TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 HEALTH SOMETIMES DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY TO BE COMPETITIVE IN
18 OUR OTHER FACILITIES IN OUR CONTRACT FACILITIES. SO, I MEAN,
19 THERE'S THREE PAGES AND I'M NOT OFFENDED BY THE THREE PAGES.
20 SHOULD HAVE TAKEN EVELYN WOOD, BUT I DIDN'T. MOST OF THOSE
21 PROPOSALS-- MOST OF THEM MAKE GOOD SENSE. THE ONE THAT I HAVE
22 PROBLEM LAST TIME AND THE ONE I HAVE A PROBLEM THIS TIME IS IS
23 THE ONE WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING, AND I DO THINK IN 90 DAYS, IF
24 YOU CAN COME BACK IN LESS THAN 90 DAYS, THEN COME BACK IN LESS
25 THAN 90 DAYS. I THINK IT'S PROBABLY REASONABLE THAT IT'S GOING



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1 TO TAKE YOU TWO TO THREE MONTHS TO GET THIS INFORMATION. BUT I
2 THINK YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY, AND YOU COULD EVEN SAY, THAT
3 THE BOARD EVEN WITH MR. KNABE'S AMENDMENT, THAT THE BOARD IS
4 CONSIDERING ALL THESE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN 1-A AND 1-
5 B. DIDN'T YOU EVER WRITE A--?

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IN OUR DRAFT PROPOSAL, THERE ARE-- WE
8 HAVE HIGHLIGHTED ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE
9 BOARD TO DATE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE REAL COMPETITIVE
12 WITH OTHER CITIES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF CLARIFICATION. THE GREEN SHEET
19 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WITH 1-B, AVAILABILITY IS STRICKEN, SO THE
20 POINT THAT YOU MADE EARLIER ABOUT THE VENUES IN WHICH A
21 PARTICULAR PRODUCT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE, THAT IS NOT WHAT'S
22 BEING MOVED TODAY. THAT HAS BEEN STRICKEN, SO IT'S VERY
23 IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT IT'S BEEN LIMITED TO SPONSORSHIPS AND
24 THE LIKE, NOT AVAILABILITY. THE ACTION IS 1-B. THE OTHER POINT
25 THAT I WANTED TO MAKE ABOUT COMPETITIVENESS AND THE EXTENT TO



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1 WHICH THERE'S A LOT TO REPORT AT THIS POINT IN TIME AS TO WHAT
2 THE COUNTY HAS DONE, I'M JUST ASSUMING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
3 PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD IN THAT REGARD. BUT HAVING SAID
4 THAT, YOU CANNOT ARGUE WITH THE DATA, WHICH IS THAT IN VARIOUS
5 PARTS OF THE COUNTY, SOME OF WHICH I'VE ALREADY MADE REFERENCE
6 TO, THE LEVELS OF OBESITY AND DIABETES IN PARTICULAR ARE TWICE
7 THAT OR NEARLY TWICE THAT OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THAT'S WHAT
8 WE ARE TRYING TO PROACTIVELY PERSUADE THE C.D.C. THAT WE ARE
9 WORKING VERY HARD TO BRING IN LINE. IN ORDER TO DO SO AND
10 POSITION OURSELVES IN A MORE COMPETITIVE MANNER, WE HAVE TO
11 SAY WE NEED TO REACH HIGHER AND DO MORE THAN HAS BEEN DONE,
12 BECAUSE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DONE BECAUSE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN
13 DONE, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT. THE DATA IS THE
14 DATA.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM'S-- THE AMENDMENT'S BEFORE US.
17 I MOVED IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ROLL CALL,
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. MOTION PASSES THREE TO TWO

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF THEY COULD DO IT

16 QUICKER THAN 90 DAYS, THEY WOULD. CORRECT?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF THEY COULD DO IT FASTER THAN 90 DAYS,

19 ABSOLUTELY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE STILL UP.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION. ON DECEMBER 16TH OF LAST

22 YEAR, THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PREPARE AND TRANSMIT A

23 LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. WORLD AIRPORTS,

24 L.A.W.A. THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF

25 AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE CONTAINING THE



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1 FORMAL REQUEST THAT THE CITY SET FORTH IN DETAIL ITS FUTURE
2 PLANS FOR THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY ADJACENT TO THE PALMDALE
4 AIRPORT. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE ON THE HEELS OF THE COUNTY'S
5 SUCCESSFUL LAWSUIT REQUIRING L.A.W.A. TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL
6 AIRPORT APPROACH TO AIR SERVICE. IN LIGHT OF THE REQUEST AND A
7 COURT SETTLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2009, THE L.A. AIRPORT
8 COMMISSION HAS VOTED NOW TO AWARD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT OF
9 \$700,000 TO A DEVELOPER TO BUILD A SOLAR ENERGY PLANT ON THE
10 17,500 ACRES OF VACANT LOS ANGELES CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.
11 NEITHER THE CITY OF PALMDALE, OR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAD
12 BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO DEVELOP THIS PROPERTY
13 IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN AIRPORT. MOREOVER, THE CITY USED
14 EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE THE PARCELS IN THE 17,500 ACRES FOR
15 AIRPORT USE. NOW THEY ARE CHANGING USES FROM AIRPORT TO SOLAR,
16 WHICH MEANS THEY TOOK THAT PROPERTY UNDER-- --

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DON'T WE OWN PROPERTY THERE TOO, MIKE?
19 DOESN'T THE COUNTY HAVE SOME PROPERTY THERE?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S PROPERTY PROBABLY AROUND THERE, BUT
22 IN THE 17,500 ACRES, I THINK THAT'S EXCLUSIVELY L.A.W.A.
23 COUNTY COUNSEL IS GOING TO ASK THEM TO FOLLOW UP AND HE'LL
24 CHECK ON THAT. THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN
25 WORKING TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AIRLINES INTERESTED IN



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1 OFFERING FLIGHTS OUT OF PALMDALE AIRPORT ONCE THE L.A.W.A.
2 LEASE EXPIRES. L.A.W.A.'S RECENT EFFORT COULD PLACE A CHILLING
3 EFFECT ON THE MULTI- JURISDICTIONAL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SERVICE
4 TO NORTHERN L.A. COUNTY REGIONALIZED AIR BASIN SERVICE. SO I'D
5 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO DETERMINE
6 WHETHER THE RECENT ACTION OF THE L.A. WORLD AIRPORTS TO CHANGE
7 THE USE OF THE AIRPORT PROPERTY IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNTY
8 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING REGIONALIZATION, EXAMINE THE
9 LEGALITY OF USING EMINENT DOMAIN TO TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR
10 ONE PURPOSE AND USING IT FOR ANOTHER AND REPORT BACK TO THE
11 BOARD ON THE FINDINGS AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT
12 THE C.E.O. TO PREPARE AND TRANSMIT LETTERS TO THE EXECUTIVE
13 DIRECTOR OF L.A.W.A., MEMBERS OF THE CITY BOARD OF AIRPORT
14 COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON
15 THEIR PLANNED USAGE AS A SOLAR PLANT, HOW THEY INTEND TO
16 COMPLY WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO REGIONALIZE LAX. SO
17 THAT WOULD BE A REPORT BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'LL SECOND THAT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT EITHER. WHO LEASES
22 THE PROPERTY NOW TO L.A.W.A.? IT SAYS A LEASE IN HER. ONCE THE
23 L.A.W.A LEASE EXPIRES?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LEASE IS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AIR
2 TERMINAL FACILITY WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE 17,500 ACRES SO,
3 THAT LEASE IS EXPIRING. PALMDALE IS ATTEMPTING TO ACQUIRE THAT
4 LEASE TO USE THAT AS A TEMPORARY AIRPORT UNTIL THEY COULD
5 DEVELOP A FULL SIZE AIRPORT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THIS IS DIFFERENT. SO THAT THE AIRPORT DOES
8 NOT BELONG TO THE CITY. SO THEY DIDN'T NEED TO INFORM US
9 NECESSARILY. I SEE. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MOTION. I
10 JUST HAD A QUESTION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS
13 THAT FOR NEXT WEEK? WE NEED REPORT BACK, RIGHT?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT BACK.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RECENTLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE'S ANALYSIS OF
20 THE SENATE FINANCE LEGISLATION DEALING WITH HEALTHCARE COSTS
21 AND THE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE PROPOSED 40 PERCENT
22 EXCISE TAX ON INSURANCE PLANS COULD INCREASE COSTS TO COUNTY
23 EMPLOYEES BY \$33.2 MILLION IN 2013 ESCALATING TO \$521.9
24 MILLION BY 2019. THERE WAS A REPORT THAT INDICATED JUST ON
25 L.A.W.A.-- EXCUSE ME, NOT L.A.W.A., BUT L.A.C.E.R.A. THE COST



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1 FOR L.A.C.E.R.A. GOES FROM APPROXIMATELY 19 PLUS MILLION
2 DOLLARS TO 140 MILLION BY 2019. A RECENT REPORT BY THE CENTERS
3 FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID REPORT IN THE L.A. TIMES SHOW THAT
4 THE HEALTHCARE REFORM COULD BE COSTLY TO HOSPITALS, NURSING
5 HOMES AND DOCTORS THAT THEY WOULD TURN MEDICARE PATIENTS AWAY
6 AND WOULD EXASPERATE EXISTING ACCESS PROBLEMS. SO IN LIGHT OF
7 THESE DEVELOPMENTS, COULD WE HAVE A REPORT BACK ON WHAT WOULD
8 BE THE IMPACT ON L.A.C.E.R.A. OF THE PROPOSED COST INCREASE OF
9 MEDICAL BENEFITS, WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX ON CURRENT
10 EMPLOYEES, THREE, HOW MANY SENIORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD
11 RECEIVE, REDUCED BENEFITS BASED ON THE C.M.S. REPORT AND THEN
12 AS WELL AS OTHER FINDINGS IN THE C.M.S. REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S
13 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. THAT REPORT THAT I
14 WAS MENTIONING CAME FROM THE NOVEMBER 15TH "LOS ANGELES TIMES"
15 WHERE IT STATES MEDICARE CUTS IN HEALTHCARE BILL MAY BE
16 BURDENED, SO IF WE COULD HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THAT.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MICHAEL, COULD WE AMEND IT? I MEAN, I KNOW THAT
19 THERE'S CERTAIN WAYS TO LOOK AT IT, BUT COULD WE ALSO AMEND IT
20 TO REVIEW THE POSITIVE ASPECTS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BENEFIT
21 FROM?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE, SURE.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MORE OF A PROS AND CONS, INSTEAD OF JUST THE
2 COST.

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S A REPORT BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKED THAT THIS
9 BE CONTINUED, BUT I JUST WOULD LIKE SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK AND
10 THEN WE COULD PERHAPS HAVE THESE ANSWERS. IF WE CAN'T ANSWER
11 THEM TODAY, BE BACK NEXT WEEK WHEN THIS IS BEFORE US AND
12 THAT'S RELATIVE TO THE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION SERVICE. TO THE
13 COUNTY COUNSEL, I WOULD ASK, METRO NEWSPAPERS WHO WERE TO BE
14 AWARDED THE CONTRACT, THE QUESTION IS, DID THEY MEET THE LEGAL
15 SUFFICIENCY DEFINITION FOR THE REQUIRED NOTICES OF TERMINATION
16 FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

18 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** YES, THEY DID, SUPERVISOR. THE
19 WELFARE INSTITUTION CODE REQUIRES THAT NOTICE BE GIVEN IN A
20 GENERAL CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER AND THEY HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED,
21 THE PAPERS IN GENERAL CIRCULATION.

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOU AWARE OF HOW MANY NOTICES IN
24 SPANISH LANGUAGE PERIODICALS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? OR MAYBE I
25 SHOULD ASK TRISH ON THAT. SHE'S COMING UP FROM THE DEPARTMENT.



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1 THE QUESTION WOULD BE, HOW MANY NOTICES IN SPANISH LANGUAGE
2 PERIODICALS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT EACH YEAR?

3

4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** APPROXIMATELY 60 IN '08/'09, WE DID, 98 FOREIGN
5 LANGUAGE. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THEM WERE SPANISH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOTWITHSTANDING THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT, HAS A
8 PARENT EVER BEEN FOUND THROUGH THE NEWSPAPER PUBLIC NOTICE
9 PROCESS?

10

11 **TRISH PLOEHN:** NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, AT LEAST, NOT IN LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN THIS QUESTION CAME UP, WE CHECKED WITH
13 COUNTY COUNSEL WITH OUR ADOPTIONS DIVISION AND WITH COURT AND
14 WE CAN'T RECALL A SITUATION WHERE WE FOUND SOMEONE THROUGH
15 PUBLICATION. BUT THERE REALLY IS A GOOD REASON FOR THAT,
16 BECAUSE WITH ALL THE CURRENT AUTOMATION PROCESSES THAT WE
17 HAVE, THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES THAT WE GO THROUGH, USUALLY,
18 BY THE TIME WE GET TO A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
19 HEARING, WE HAVE REALLY DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TRY TO
20 LOCATE A PARENT, SO NORMALLY THAT WOULD BE A PARENT THAT, FOR
21 WHATEVER REASON, DOES NOT WANT TO BE FOUND.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU AWARE, WAS CIRCULATION PART OF THE
24 INVITATION FOR BID?

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1 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES, IT WAS, GENERAL CIRCULATION.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE VENDOR CAN INCREASE CIRCULATION
4 WITHOUT INCREASING PRICE, DO YOU ANTICIPATE GREATER SUCCESS IN
5 LOCATING THE PARENTS?

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WE DON'T BELIEVE SO, BECAUSE WE HAVE USED
8 NEWSPAPERS IN THE PAST THAT WERE MUCH LARGER AND YET WE STILL
9 DID NOT GET ANY POSITIVE RESULTS OUT OF THE PUBLICATION
10 PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HAS THE VENDOR BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT
13 INCREASING CIRCULATION AMONG SPANISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS FOR
14 THE SAME PRICE?

15

16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I TALKED TO MY STAFF AND THEY SAID THAT THEY DID
17 SPEAK WITH THEM BRIEFLY, SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO
18 DISCUSS THAT WITH US IF THAT WAS WHAT THE BOARD OR THE
19 DEPARTMENT WANTED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL CONTINUE THIS FOR A
22 WEEK, SO--

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- THOSE ISSUES AND FIND A WAY TO REALLY MEET THE
2 GOALS. WE'RE TRYING TO TRULY MAKE AN EFFORT TO TRY AND FIND A
3 WAY. LET'S CONTINUE -- FOR A WEEK.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 14 WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE
6 DEPARTMENT.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT PROCESS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ON ITEM 41. THIS IS THE ISSUE DEALING
11 WITH THE C.E.O.'S PLAN IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC SERVICES, DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS IN-HOME SUPPORT
13 SERVICES FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE WANT A STAFF REPORT FIRST?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. YOU'RE PROBABLY
20 JUST THE ONE WE WANT TO TALK TO. SIT DOWN PLEASE, SIR. IS MR.
21 BROWNING UNDER INVESTIGATION?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** PHILIP BROWNING. I AM, SIR.

24



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1 **JOHN ALLEN:** I'M JOHN ALLEN, THE HEAD DEPUTY FOR THE WELFARE
2 FRAUD DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. MR. BROWNING?

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6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY, I THINK WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS ITEM
7 NUMBER 41. THIS IS THE FRAUD PLAN THAT THE STATE GAVE US WITH
8 A MONTH AND A HALF TO PUT TOGETHER. THE STATE DECIDED THAT
9 THERE WAS A NEED TO HAVE A FRAUD PLAN IN EVERY COUNTY. THEY'VE
10 OFFERED L.A. COUNTY 9.6 MILLION. IF WE COME UP WITH A PLAN
11 THAT GETS TO THEM BY DECEMBER THE 1ST. THE ORIGINAL DATE WAS
12 NOVEMBER THE 1ST, THEY'VE GIVEN US A MONTH TO RUN IT THROUGH
13 THE BOARD PROCESS. WE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE STATE
14 MEDI-CAL AGENCY HAVE MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND COME UP WITH
15 A DRAFT PLAN, WHICH HAS BEEN SHARED WITH THE STATE, WHICH
16 PRIMARILY LOOKS AT MIRRORING WHAT WE'RE DOING IN CALWORKS AND
17 FOOD STAMPS. WE HAVE A FRONT END EVALUATION, EARLY FRAUD
18 DETECTION IN CALWORKS AND FOOD STAMPS AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO
19 DO THE SAME THING IN THIS I.H.S.S. PLAN. WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING
20 TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE STATE
21 MEDI-CAL AGENCY. WE HAVE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 54 POSITIONS. MOST
22 OF THEM ARE SOCIAL WORKERS, SOME OF THOSE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
23 STAFF, AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO MAKE THESE-- PROPOSING TO MOVE
24 FORWARD WITH THIS AS SOON AS THE BOARD WOULD GIVE APPROVAL. WE
25 DO KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN AN INTEREST IN I.H.S.S. UNION TO



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1 HAVE SOME INPUT INTO THE PLAN. WE TALKED WITH THEM A FEW
2 MINUTES AGO. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD APPROVE THE PLAN AND
3 WE'LL WORK WITH THEM AT A LATER DATE. IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE,
4 WE HAVE A ONE-WEEK WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH, DO YOU HAVE
7 SOME QUESTIONS? ANYTHING FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE THAT YOU
8 WANTED TO ADD BEFORE WE--

9

10 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'M UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SOMEONE HAS
11 A QUESTION FOR ME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT WOULD BE MR. ANTONOVICH. DO
14 YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR HIM?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- WE KNOW THAT THE ADVOCACY GROUPS HAVE SUED
17 THE STATE RELATIVE TO THE CUTS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE
18 IMPOSED ON I.H.S.S. AND FOSTER CARE AND SOME OTHER PROGRAMS.
19 IN LIGHT OF THE FISCAL CRISIS, ARE THE 54 REQUESTED ITEMS TO
20 IMPLEMENT THIS ANTI-FRAUD PLAN GRANT FUNDED ITEMS?

21

22 **JOHN ALLEN:** RIGHT NOW THEY'RE DESIGNATED TO BE EIGHT ITEMS,
23 BUT IF THERE IS THAT CONCERN, THERE'S FLEXIBILITY, WE COULD
24 HAVE THEM AS GRANT ITEMS, YOU CAN HAVE THEM AS MONTHLY OWES,
25 THEY CAN COME IN DIFFERENT-- HOW SHALL I PUT IT? WITH



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1 DIFFERENT STATUS. THIS DEPARTMENT IS SO LARGE, EVEN IF WE DID
2 HAVE THEM AS EIGHT ITEMS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO
3 ABSORB THEM, BUT GIVEN A CONCERN I HEARD FROM YOUR OFFICE THAT
4 WE COULD PUT THEM AS "N" ITEMS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD, MR. CHAIRMAN,
7 HAVE THAT AMENDED TO INCLUDE THAT THEY BE GRANT FUNDED ITEMS.
8 MR. BROWNING, SINCE THE DATA MINING TECHNOLOGY YIELDED AN 85
9 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE IN DETECTING AND PREVENTING CHILD CARE
10 FRAUD, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE PILOT TO
11 PROCURE AND FULLY IMPLEMENT A DATA MINING SOLUTION TO
12 DETECTING AND PREVENTING I.H.S.S. FRAUD?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE HOPE TO BRING TO YOUR BOARD NEXT MONTH AN
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO IMPLEMENT THE CHILD CARE
16 PROVIDER FRAUD PROGRAM. IT WILL PROBABLY BE TWO YEARS FROM NOW
17 BEFORE WE WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT FULLY AN
18 I.H.S.S. FRAUD DETECTION PLAN BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW FROM THE
19 CHILD CARE FRAUD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. ALLEN, THE INFORMATION BEFORE US REQUESTS
22 A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- I SHOULD SAY DEPUTY D.A.
23 INVESTIGATORS AND ONE DEPUTY D.A. DOES NOT INCLUDE A REQUEST
24 FOR PROSECUTORS. GIVEN THE PROBABILITY OF A SURGE IN THESE



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1 INVESTIGATIONS, DO YOU HAVE ADEQUATE STAFF TO HANDLE THESE
2 PROSECUTIONS AND FRAUD?

3

4 **JOHN ALLEN:** THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOES THROUGH JUNE
5 30TH, THE LENGTH OF THIS GRANT, YES, IT DOES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM
8 AND ASK THAT YOU ALSO INCLUDE THE FUNDING FROM GRANTS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A SPEAKER SIGNED UP. CECILIA
11 RIVAS. LOQUILLA JACKSON AND KIA STOKES. ALL RIGHT. I CALLED
12 THREE, FOUR COMING UP. THAT'S FIVE. I ONLY HAVE THREE CARDS.
13 ALL RIGHT. CECILIA RIVAS [VIA INTERPRETER]: MY NAME IS CECILIA
14 RIVAS. I HAVE 23 YEARS WORKED AS A HOME CARE WORKER. WITH
15 I.H.S.S. WE'RE HERE TODAY. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
16 CONSUMERS ARE SAFE, BUT WE NEED THAT YOU TAKE US INTO
17 CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU PUT INTO EFFECT THE BACKGROUND CHECKS
18 AND THE FINGERPRINTING. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE'RE HERE
19 TODAY AND WE'RE ASKING YOU NOT TO MOVE FORWARD UNTIL WE CAN
20 SPEAK WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS OF SENIORS AND CONSUMERS TO
21 IMPLEMENT WHAT WE WANT TO DO. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO WHAT
22 YOU'RE TRYING TO DO BUT WE NEED SOME TIME. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

25



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1 **LOQUILLA JACKSON:** MY NAME IS LOQUILLA JACKSON AND I LIVE IN
2 PALMDALE. I'M A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. U.L.T.C.W. I JUST WANT TO
3 SAY, WE ALL WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
4 IS A PROGRAM OF INTEGRITY AND SERVICES, THOSE WHO RELY ON IT
5 REMAIN IN THEIR HOME SAFELY. AS A HOME CARE PROVIDER, MY
6 CLIENT'S SAFETY IS MY NUMBER ONE CONCERN. AFTER ALL, IT'S MY
7 JOB TO MAKE SURE EVERY DAY THAT MY CLIENT IS NOT IN HARM'S
8 WAY. YET TODAY, THERE ARE COUNTLESS SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH
9 DISABILITIES WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO GET AN I.H.S.S. CARE PROVIDER
10 DUE TO THE STATE NOT LISTENING TO STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND
11 PUSHING A PLAN FORWARD BEFORE ALL THOSE PIECES WERE IN PLACE,
12 AND BECAUSE OF THIS, I'VE HEARD THAT SOME COUNTIES WILL NOT BE
13 ABLE TO PLACE A NEW PROVIDER WITH A CONSUMER UNTIL AFTER THE
14 FIRST OF THE YEAR. THAT MEANS SOME OF OUR MOST FRAIL RESIDENTS
15 WHO ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF CARE WILL GO WITHOUT FOR MORE
16 THAN TWO MONTHS. IMAGINE THE DANGER THAT PUTS THEM IN. BEFORE
17 YOU VOTE ON THIS PLAN AND MOVE FORWARD, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
18 MEET WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS LIKE US TO UNDERSTAND OUR
19 CONCERNS AND ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T FOLLOW IN THE
20 FOOTSTEPS OF THE STATE AND COMPROMISE THE SAFETY OF OUR
21 PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25



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1 **KIA STOKES:** MY NAME IS KIA STOKES. I REPRESENT S.E.I.U., THE
2 UNITED LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS UNION AND WE ACTUALLY REPRESENT
3 OVER 100,000-- 130,000 I.H.S.S PROVIDERS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY,
4 AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE ARE OVER 150,000 CONSUMERS OF
5 THIS PROGRAM. OUR ISSUE-- OUR ISSUES ARE, NUMBER ONE, THAT
6 THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME, THE FIRST TIME THAT WE'VE HAD A CHANCE
7 TO REVIEW ANY PLAN AROUND FRAUD PREVENTION ISSUES. THIS PLAN
8 WILL AFFECT OVER 280,000 OF L.A.'S RESIDENTS, INCLUDING
9 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT WE REPRESENT, THE DISABLED AND THE
10 ELDERLY. THIS PLAN HAS HAD NO STAKEHOLDER INPUT, AND GIVEN
11 THESE FACTS AND ALSO GIVEN THE FACT THAT THIS PLAN HAS UNTIL
12 DECEMBER 1ST TO BE APPROVED, WE-- OUR POSITION IS THAT WE WANT
13 TO DELAY THE BOARD FROM MOVING ON THIS ITEM THIS WEEK TO GIVE
14 A CHANCE FOR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS SUCH AS OURSELF TO DEVELOP A
15 POSITION ON AND HAVE INPUT IN A PLAN THAT WILL AFFECT SO MANY
16 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, SO AS STATED EARLIER, THAT IS OUR
17 POSITION. WE WOULD LIKE-- WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE BOARD
18 DELAY VOTING ON THIS MOTION THIS WEEK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US AS
21 AMENDED BY-- QUESTIONS?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THIS RIGHT NOW, THIS PROPOSAL, IS TO PARTAKE
24 OR TO PARTICIPATE. RIGHT? IN THE STATE PROGRAM.

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE STATE GAVE US A TEMPLATE FOR A FRAUD
2 PLAN.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** AND IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE \$9 MILLION, WE
7 HAVE TO FILL OUT THE PLAN, GET YOUR APPROVAL AND SUBMIT IT TO
8 THEM BY DECEMBER THE 1ST. THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
9 WITH PROVIDER ENROLLMENT, FINGERPRINTING, FINGER IMAGING,
10 ORIENTATION OR ANY OF THOSE OTHER ISSUES, WHICH ARE CERTAINLY
11 A BIG CONCERN, BUT THIS IS SEPARATE PACKAGE THAT THE D.A., WE
12 AND STATE MEDI-CAL HAVE WORKED ON AS AN ANTI-FRAUD PLAN FOR
13 I.H.S.S.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEN YOU SAY FRAUD, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING THESE SERVICES THAT ARE NOT ENTITLED TO
17 IT. IS THAT THE KIND OF FRAUD YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT'S CORRECT, THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S ALREADY FRAUD THAT'S ALREADY DEFINED
22 SOMEWHERE. RIGHT?

23

24 **PHILIP BROWNING:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT ISN'T NOW ADDING TO OTHER-- THEY SAY
2 SOMETHING WAS PENDING. THAT HASN'T BEEN SIGNED.

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THERE'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PLAN PROPOSAL
5 THAT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR HOW WE ENROLL PROVIDERS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

8

9 **PHILIP BROWNING:** NOT AT ALL.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE CONFUSION MAY BE, AND I'M
12 NOT SO SURE. THAT WAS WHAT I WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE
13 IN THIS INSTANCE, WE WOULD BE AUGMENTING THE WORK THAT THE
14 D.A. IS DOING BY HAVING MORE INVESTIGATORS, MORE FOLKS THAT
15 ARE DOING IT THAT'S ALREADY BY LAW NOW. CORRECT?

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** CORRECT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE OTHER PROGRAM IS SOMETHING THAT IS PRESENTLY
20 NOT BEEN COMPLETED, AND I DON'T KNOW--

21

22 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I JUST THINK-- THEY ARE SEPARATE.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO TOTALLY SEPARATE.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, AND EVEN THIS, IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH
4 THIS, I'D JUST SAY TO S.E.I.U. AND THOSE THAT CAME UP, THAT
5 JUST TO HIRE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE, BE LUCKY
6 TO GET THEM BY JANUARY, THAT WOULD BE FAST TRACKING THEM AND
7 MORE LIKELY BE MARCH BY THE TIME YOU GET A FULL COMPLEMENT OF
8 THOSE FOLKS, ALTHOUGH THIS WORK, I UNDERSTAND, IS ALREADY
9 GOING ON. CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. SO I HOPE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS
10 THIS. THIS JUST IS AN AUGMENTATION OF THE KIND OF WORK THAT'S
11 ALREADY BEEN DOING UNDER OUR FRAUD DIVISION WITH THE D.A. AND
12 OTHERS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR DEPARTMENT. THE OTHER PROGRAM IS
13 SEPARATE AND APART FROM THIS, SO I THINK THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN
14 SOME CONFUSION THERE. I'M NOT SURE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT SEEMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT
19 HEADS THAT THERE'S NO SIGNIFICANT HARM DONE WITH THE ONE
20 WEEK'S CONTINUANCE IF IT HELPS TO FURTHER CLARIFY SO ALL OF US
21 CAN BE ON THE SAME PAGE IN TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BUT I
22 MEAN THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE INVOLVED. IF IT ACCOMPLISHES
23 THAT, I WOULD BE INCLINED TO MAKE THE SUGGESTION THAT WE
24 CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK AND BRING IT ALL TOGETHER FROM THEN.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'VE MET WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS PRIOR TO
2 AND AGREED TO WORK WITH THEM ON AN ONGOING BASIS ON THE
3 SEPARATE ISSUE. UNLESS THERE'S CONSENSUS, IS THERE ANY REASON
4 TO CONTINUE IT A WEEK OR, I MEAN--

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE'VE AGREED TO MEET WITH THE UNION MEMBERS
7 AND TALK ABOUT THE CURRENT PLAN WHICH HASN'T HAD STATE
8 APPROVAL, BUT WE FEEL PRETTY CONFIDENT IT WILL. THERE'S NOT
9 BEEN AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, BUT WE'RE CERTAINLY WILLING
10 TO TALK ABOUT HOW THEY MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN THAT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A SEPARATE DEAL FROM THE ITEM
13 BEFORE US TODAY, THOUGH.

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, THEY HAD ASKED FOR SOME INPUT AND
16 DISCUSSION, FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE PLAN THAT WE HAD.
17 WE'RE PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT THE PLAN WE HAVE WILL NOT HAVE ANY
18 IMPACT ON THEIR MEMBERS, BUT WE'RE CERTAINLY WILLING TO TALK
19 WITH THEM, BUT I THINK WE'RE HOPING WE CAN GET APPROVAL TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
22 HAS STRONG OBJECTION. I THINK THERE'S BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED
23 FROM A WEEK'S CONTINUANCE.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND TO THE CONTINUANCE?



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE ONLY DEADLINE WE'RE FACING TO GET BOARD
3 APPROVAL AND TO GET THIS INTO THE HANDS OF THE STATE BY
4 DECEMBER THE 1ST. I THINK THAT'S THE ONLY CONCERN WE REALLY
5 HAVE. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE MUCH OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ANY
6 CHANGES, BUT I DO THINK, YOU KNOW, ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE
7 WOULDN'T BE THE END OF THE WORLD.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CONTINUE IT A WEEK. SO
10 ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCEPT THAT PIECE THAT MR. ANTONOVICH
15 AMENDED.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CLARIFICATION, ITEM 14, IT'S MY
18 UNDERSTANDING WE WERE TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM FOR NEXT WEEK AND-
19 -

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, WE WERE GOING TO
24 CONTINUE IT FOR NEXT WEEK. I'VE BEEN TOLD WE APPROVED THE
25 AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THEY'RE GOING BACK
3 TO THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE WE'VE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS, NOT
4 ONLY ON CIRCULATION BUT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS AND WHETHER,
5 IN FACT, IT'S BEING DONE. THEY SAY THEY HAVE AN OPTION UNDER
6 I.S.D. TO LOOK AT IT, BUT THEY CAN EXPAND IT. IF WE'RE TRULY
7 TRYING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW. IF IT'S JUST TO
8 PUBLISH AND TO PAY SOME ADVERTISING THING, BUT THAT'S WHAT
9 WE'VE ASKED THEM TO DO AND THEY'VE OFFERED TO TAKE IT BACK TO
10 REVIEW IT. IT HAS TO COME BACK BECAUSE THEY NEED TO GET THESE
11 CONTRACTS DONE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS A REFER BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT--

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS
18 ISSUE CLEARLY BECAUSE IT'S JUST LIKE, OH, LET'S MEET THE
19 REQUIREMENTS. OH, WELL, WE CAN'T FIND TWO-THIRDS OF THE
20 HISPANIC FAMILIES. LOOK. YOU'VE GOT TO PUBLISH A PAPER THEY
21 MIGHT READ. RIGHT? IF YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS IF THEY ISSUE AN R.F.P. WITH
24 THAT R.F.P., THEN WE--

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D RATHER THAT THEY NOT. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE
2 GOING TO LOOK AT THIS OTHER OPTION UNDER I.S.D..
3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT INCLUDES DID THEY MEET THE R.F.P.
5 REQUIREMENTS.
6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT NECESSARILY.
8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU--
10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY NOT MEETING THE
12 R.F.P.?
13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T SAY YOU DIDN'T NEED AN R.F.P.. THEY HAVE
15 A PENDING R.F.P. PROCESS _____ SEEING ABOUT THIS BEING
16 INCLUDED WITHIN IT, RIGHT?
17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE CAN'T CHANGE THE R.F.P. AFTER A BIDDER
19 SUCCESSFULLY IS OFFERED A CONTRACT WHO COMPLIED TO THE R.F.P..
20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AS I UNDERSTAND, SINCE
22 IT'S NOT APPROVED, THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT.
23 THAT'S WHY WE ASKED THEM TO REFER IT BACK TO DEPARTMENT,
24 BECAUSE SO THAT THEY CAN LOOK AT IT. ALL I KNOW IS THAT IF
25 THEY'RE NOT ACHIEVING GOALS AND THIS IS A MANDATED



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1 RESPONSIBILITY, WHY DO IT IN A PAPER IN LYNWOOD THAT GOES TO
2 12 PEOPLE? THAT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. SO WE'RE ASKING THE
3 QUESTION IF, IN FACT, WHY NOT TRY AND FIND A WAY THAT YOU CAN
4 GET LARGER CIRCULATION, AND I.S.D. MAY HAVE AN ANSWER FOR
5 THEM. WE DON'T KNOW THAT THEY DO. THAT'S WHY WE ASKED THEM TO
6 TAKE IT BACK AND THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK AT IT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I.S.D. IS GOING TO COME BACK AND SAY THIS
9 WAS THE R.F.P. AND THIS BIDDER FULLY COMPLIED WITH THAT
10 R.F.P..

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT I DON'T KNOW.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE INFORMATION WE'RE WE'RE ASKING
15 ALSO THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK ON.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH GETTING THE
18 ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS AS WELL. ABSOLUTELY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. STILL ON THE AGENDA TO
21 REFER BACK. RIGHT?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA. THIS ITEM HAS
24 BEEN--

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, NO. IT'S BEEN REFERRED BACK TO
2 THE DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, YES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL COME BACK THROUGH THE C.E.O.'S
7 OFFICE OR THE DEPARTMENT

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND COME BACK IN A WEEK, OR-

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DO YOU WANT TO SET A DATE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL WE DID IS REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE'VE
16 ASKED THEM QUESTIONS. THEY'RE LOOKING AT THEIR REQUIREMENTS
17 AND RESPONSIBILITIES. I JUST THINK THAT THE WAY THEY DID IT--

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ABOUT HAVE IT COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BACK IN TWO WEEKS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S FINE. IT HAS TO COME BACK. I JUST DON'T
24 WANT IT TO COME BACK AS IS. I THINK THAT AS IS HAS SOME
25 PROBLEMS. IF WE'RE GOING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS. IF THERE'S NO



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1 OTHER WAY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO
2 WITH IT AS IS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COMING BACK IN TWO WEEKS. FIRST
9 DISTRICT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I DON'T HAVE ANY
12 ITEMS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK YOU HELD ANYTHING.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID WE ALREADY ADJOURN IN MEMORY-- WE DID. AGAIN,
17 IT WAS TOUGH, AND I THINK A LOT OF US ATTENDED THE SERVICE
18 TODAY FOR DOUG RING. HE WAS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ON PLACE
19 CULTURE ARTE AND I GOT TO KNOW HIM AS A FRIEND THERE. BEFORE
20 THAT, WE WERE ALWAYS AT LOGGERHEADS ON ALL THOSE OTHER ISSUES,
21 BUT ANYWAY, TO KNOW HIM WAS IT LOVE HIM, THAT'S FOR SURE.
22 ANYWAY, HE WILL BE MISSED. I'M ALSO ASKING THAT WE ADJOURN IN
23 THE MEMORY OF ONE OF OUR DEDICATED L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL
24 CENTER CUSTODIANS, FRANKIE M. LO. TRAGICALLY, FRANKIE WAS A
25 VICTIM OF A PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT NEAR THE MED CENTER AND TRAUMA



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1 CENTER TRIED DESPERATELY TO SAVE HIS LIFE. WHEN HE SUCCUMBED,
2 HIS COLLEAGUES WERE OVERCOME WITH EMOTION. FRANKIE WAS A
3 BELOVED MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TEAM
4 AT THE MED CENTER. HE'S GOING TO BE DEEPLY MISSED. FRANKIE HAD
5 PERSONALLY FACED MANY MEDICAL CHALLENGES AND WAS A THRIVING
6 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. HE WAS FLUENT IN CANTONESE AND
7 SERVED AS A TRANSLATOR IN MANY INSTANCES. HE TOUCHED COUNTLESS
8 LIVES AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS
9 ENTIRE FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS AS WELL AS HIS COLLEAGUES. ALL
10 MEMBERS.

11
12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ADJOURN IN THE
13 MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. TOMMIE JACQUETTE,
14 LIFELONG SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY.
15 MR. JACQUETTE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 13TH, 1943, AND GREW UP IN
16 THE IMPERIAL COURT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN WATTS. HE WAS
17 INTRICATELY INVOLVED WITH THE WATTS CHRISTMAS PARADE, THE
18 WATTS WILLOWBROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WATTS GANG TASKFORCE
19 AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM. HE
20 WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WATTS SUMMER FESTIVAL. HE
21 WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HIS PASSION OF HONORING
22 ANCESTORS AND CULTURE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING AN
23 OUTLET FOR SUCH TRIBUTES. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS
24 DAUGHTER DENISE AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ROBERT
25 PIPES, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY



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1 RECENTLY. REVEREND PIPES WAS BORN IN GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI, IN
2 1915 AND RELOCATED WITH HIS FAMILY TO CALIFORNIA IN 1944. HE
3 WORKED IN SEVERAL FIELDS, INCLUDING SHIP BUILDING AT THE LONG
4 BEACH SHIPYARD DURING WORLD WAR II, CARPENTRY AND ULTIMATELY
5 MINISTRY. HE WAS LICENSED AND ORDAINED AS A BAPTIST MINISTER
6 IN 1946 AND FOUNDED THE FIRST UNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
7 WHERE HE PRESIDED AS PASTOR FOR SOME 63 YEARS. HE WAS
8 EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY MEMBERSHIPS IN THE
9 SOUTHWEST CARPENTERS UNION, THE BAPTIST MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP
10 OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT AND BAPTIST
11 PASTORS MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES. HE ALSO SERVED ON
12 THE POLICE CLERGY COUNCIL AND WAS A PRINCE HALL MASTER MASON.
13 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOYAL FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS
14 CHURCH, HIS FAMILY, HIS ENJOYMENT OF BASEBALL, BOXING AND POOL
15 AND HIS APPRECIATION FOR GREAT MUSIC. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS
16 MEMORY HIS WIFE, OLETHA, HIS CHILDREN CHARLES, ELLA, ROBERT,
17 LARRY, JERRY, RUTH ANN AND STACY, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR
18 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND
19 FRIENDS. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE MIGHT--

20
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAVE ALL JOURNEY IN MICHAEL WESTON, SON OF
24 LAND DEVELOPMENT LAWYER STEVE WESTON, WHO PASSED AWAY
25 RECENTLY. MR. WESTON WAS A COMPASSIONATE, DETERMINED



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1 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS GRADUATING CUM LAUDE FROM HARVARD WITH HIS
2 J.D. HE CHOSE TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO
3 SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND TO HELP OTHERS. HE WORKED WITH THE DRUG
4 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND WAS ON A COUNTER NARCOTICS
5 OPERATION IN AFGHANISTAN AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING. HE HAD A
6 PASSION FOR CHALLENGING HIMSELF IN EVERY WAY AND GRADUATED
7 WITH DISTINCTION FROM STANFORD WITH A DOUBLE MAJOR IN 2007, HE
8 COMPLETED SOLO 2,00 MILE KAYAKING TRIP OVER THE COURSE OF ONE
9 MONTH. IN THE MARINES, WESTON INITIALLY SERVED AS A JUDGE
10 ADVOCATE AT CAMP PENDLETON AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF TRAININGS IN
11 OTHER AREAS WAS EVENTUALLY DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT IN ADVANCE OF
12 THE IRAQI INVASION IN 2003, DEPLOYED AGAIN IN AUGUST OF 2006.
13 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS COURAGE, HIS DEDICATION AND HIS
14 PURE COMMITMENT TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH
15 HIS MEMORY HIS PARENTS, JUDY AND STEVE, HIS WIFE CYNTHIA AND A
16 HOST OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I WOULD ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS
17 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JESSE LEE WILLIAMS, LONG-TIME SECOND
22 DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY EARLY NOVEMBER. MR. WILLIAMS
23 WAS BORN IN GREEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RELOCATED TO LOS
24 ANGELES IN 1967. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1964
25 TO 1970, WHERE HE WAS HONORED WITH SEVERAL DISTINGUISHING



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1 AWARDS, INCLUDING THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH BRONZE STARS
2 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE LATER BEGAN AND
3 CONTINUED HIS CAREER WITH THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, WAS KNOWN AS
4 AN AVID SAN DIEGO CHARGERS FAN AND LOVED HIGH SCHOOL AND
5 COLLEGE FOOTBALL. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS FONDNESS OF
6 PLAYING CARDS AND DOMINOES AND HIS LOVE FOR COOKING, FOR HIS
7 GRANDCHILDREN. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE
8 VIOLET, HIS THREE CHILDREN, ANTHONY DA NANG AND FINALLY AARON.
9 HIS SIBLINGS, GERMAINE, DIANNE, QUEEN, CARSON AND KING DAVID
10 AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. THAT CONCLUDES MY
11 ADJOURNMENTS FOR TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE'S A MOTION I WISH TO
16 READ IN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ON BEHALF OF
21 MYSELF AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY, ACCORDING TO THE 2009 GREATER LOS
22 ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT, L.A. COUNTY HAS MADE GREAT INROADS IN
23 THE EFFORTS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. THE L.A. HOMELESS SERVICES
24 AUTHORITY CREDITS MUCH OF THIS DECLINE TO A VARIETY OF
25 EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S \$100 MILLION HOMELESS



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1 PREVENTION INITIATIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS H.P.I., AND THE CITY
2 OF LOS ANGELES'S PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM
3 AND THE EXPANDED SECTION 8 RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM THAT
4 SPECIFICALLY TARGETS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. THE
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE RECENTLY CONFIRMED THE TREMENDOUS
6 SUCCESS OF THE COUNTY'S H.P.I. AND ADDITIONALLY THE H.P.I. HAS
7 SERVED NEARLY 29,000 INDIVIDUALS AND OVER 13,000 FAMILIES. IT
8 HAS ACCOMPLISHED MANY OF THE INNOVATIVE GOALS SET BY THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS TO MAINTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO
10 WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS, TO PROVIDE 21 COMMUNITIES WITH HOUSING
11 DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES, IN ADDITION TO
12 THAT, HELP COMMUNITIES ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR
13 NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT HOUSING RESOURCES AND
14 SERVICE NETWORKS, TO PROVIDE HOMELESS CLIENTS WITH INTEGRATED
15 SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND HOUSING AND FINALLY PROVIDE ACCESS TO
16 HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR THOSE DEEMED TO BE THE MOST
17 VULNERABLE. MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, SEEMS TO ME IT'S TIME
18 THAT WE MOVE TOWARD A COLLABORATION OF CONSEQUENCE AND
19 THEREFORE WE WISH TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO JOIN WITH THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC SOCIAL
21 SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AS WELL AS PUBLIC
22 HEALTH, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND L.A.H.S.A. TO
23 DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE C.E.O.'S
24 ABILITY TO OVERSEE, COORDINATE AND INTEGRATE COUNTY-WIDE
25 HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SO THAT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND



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1 FAMILIES CAN MOVE SUCCESSFULLY AND FIND SAFE AND PERMANENT
2 HOUSING. THE MOTION IS RATHER EXPLICIT AND WE WISH TO HAVE
3 THESE-- TO PRESENT THESE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
4 BOARD IN 30 DAYS. I SO MOVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. HANG ON. IS
7 THIS FOR NEXT WEEK OR IS THIS BACK ON TODAY JUST FOR A REPORT
8 BACK?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** REPORT BACK.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HANG ON. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I
13 WANT TO ADD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MINE IS, TOO. WE'RE ALL FRIENDS. IT'S
18 ONLY FOUR PAGES NOW. I WANT TO MAKE IT SIX. THERE'S NO DOUBT
19 OBVIOUSLY THAT WE'VE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS ACROSS THE COUNTY
20 AND SO, AGAIN, I WOULD REALLY-- I THINK WE'RE AT A CRITICAL
21 JUNCTURE IN OUR WORK AGAINST HOMELESSNESS AND MANY OF THE
22 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, REALLY,
23 WITH ONE-TIME FUNDING ARE DEMONSTRATING SUCCESS, YET OBVIOUSLY
24 WE HAVE POTENTIALLY UNPARALLELED BUDGETARY CHALLENGES TO THE
25 COUNTY AND SO ANY CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, WHETHER IT'S A



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1 REDIRECTION OF FUNDS OR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, NEEDS TO BE
2 CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL FISCAL PRIORITIES, SO
3 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN OF COST AVOIDANCE.
4 LAST YEAR WE DID SOMETHING SIMILAR AND PARTICULARLY AS IT
5 RELATES TO PROVIDING HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE
6 HOMELESS, BE IT JAILS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS, COULD BE AVOIDED BY
7 INVESTMENTS IN THESE PARTICULAR PROGRAMS, SO I WOULD MOVE THAT
8 THE C.E.O. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THIS MOTION OF
9 COST AVOIDANCE AS PART OF THE REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. WE
10 WOULD BE SO OBLIGED, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IS THAT
13 THE C.E.O. WOULD REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON ALL ELEMENTS OF THE
14 MOTION THAT DO NOT IMPACT NEW NET COUNTY COSTS AND DURING THE
15 PROPOSED BUDGET IN APRIL 2010 ON IMPACTS TO NEW NET COUNTY
16 COSTS TO PREVENT ANY COMPETITION WITH FUNDING FOR MANDATED
17 DEPARTMENTAL CORE SERVICES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THAT FRIENDLY ENOUGH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE ALL FRIENDS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PROBABLY NOT. OKAY. WE
24 HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. [LAUGHTER.]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PERFECT. PERFECT. V-8 AND COCA COLA.
2 LOOK AT ALL THE CALORIES ON THIS.

3

4 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE SALT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE SALT CONTENT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ABOUT THE CORN SWEETENERS, HUH?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH, MAN. TELL YOU WHAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY CHEMICALS ARE IN THAT CAN?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A MOTION BY
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
16 AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TRYING TO GIVE THAT TO A LITTLE FOUR-YEAR-OLD
20 KID, THIS DRINK.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE GAVE IT TO ME AND I'M WAY BEYOND FOUR
23 YEARS OLD. THIS IS SENIOR FOOD NOW. ANYTHING ELSE, MR. RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK I'M DONE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE TESTY HERE
4 TOWARDS THE END. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK THAT WE HAVE AN
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTIONS,
8 HOW MANY TREES ARE BEING CHOPPED DOWN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BRANDISHING MY ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS
11 TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING
18 MOTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, ELI SERCARZ, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
19 DISTRICT AND A U.C.L.A. PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN MICROBIOLOGY AND
20 MOLECULAR GENETICS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75 IN HIS
21 HOME IN TOPANGA, CANYON. HIS RESEARCH IS CREDITED WITH
22 ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, CANCER AND OTHER
23 DISORDERS, RESHAPING THE FIELD OF IMMUNOLOGY. HE IS SURVIVED
24 BY HIS WIFE RABYN BLAKE SERCARZ, ACTIVIST IN TOPANGA AND
25 COMMUNITY LEADER OUT THERE AS WELL AS HIS CHILDREN JOEL



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1 SERCARZ, LISA KERN, SARAYANA SERCARZ CHARLES SHELDON AND
2 ANDREW SHELDON. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LEE
3 LIPKIS, WHO ALONG WITH HIS WIFE JOYCE WHO PREDECEASED HIM, WAS
4 A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER IN THE EARLY 1970S OF TREEPEOPLE, AN
5 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION NOW HEADED BY THEIR SON, ANDY. LEE
6 LIPKIS IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS ANDY, ROGER AND OTHER FAMILY
7 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. HOWARD JACOBS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
8 DISTRICT AND MY FORMER APPOINTEE ON THE COUNTY'S COMMISSION ON
9 H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF
10 45 FOLLOWING A LATE DIAGNOSIS OF LIVER CANCER LAST WEEK.
11 HOWARD WAS A DEDICATED H.I.V./A.I.D.S. YOUTH DISABILITY AND
12 SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVIST AND SERVED AS A DEPUTY FOR WEST
13 HOLLYWOOD COUNCIL MEMBER JEFF PRANG FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ALSO
14 SERVED AS AN APPOINTED WEST HOLLYWOOD RENT STABILIZATION
15 COMMISSIONER. HE WAS AN H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SURVIVOR, HAVING BEEN
16 DIAGNOSED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, WAS A PASSIONATE AND
17 TENACIOUS ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE IN NEED OF SUPPORT AND
18 SERVICES. HE WAS PAST CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF BEING ALIVE AND HE
19 HAD WORKED FOR SEVERAL AGENCIES SERVING YOUTH INCLUDING GAY
20 AND LESBIAN ADOLESCENT SOCIAL SERVICES, G.L.A.S.S., AND MOST
21 RECENTLY WITH THE FIRST 5 L.A.. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS
22 ROBERT AND DOROTHY AND TWO SISTERS HILARY AND STACEY. I THINK
23 WE ALL ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF DOUG RING, AND MR. CHAIRMAN, I
24 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ATTEND HIS
25 SERVICE THIS MORNING. HAVE WE TAKEN UP ITEM 4 YET?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S TAKE IT UP. I THINK YOU HAD HELD IT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO MINUTES. THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 4.

7 THERE'S NO REPORT.

8

9 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT ORG. ASKING
10 FOR YOU TO A "NO" VOTE, URGING A "NO" VOTE IN THIS RAIL
11 MADNESS. BLUE LINE OPENS 1990. GATES. GATES ON EVERY MAJOR
12 INTERSECTION. WOODEN GATES. COST, \$40 MILLION A MILE. 19 YEARS
13 LATER, GOLD LINE EXTENSION OPENS, 2009, \$166 MILLION. HAS
14 INFLATION GONE UP MORE THAN 400 PERCENT SINCE THEN, OR HAS
15 POLITICAL PORK GONE UP 400 PERCENT? OF COURSE MS. MOLINA,
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA POINTED OUT SEVERAL YEAR-- A YEAR AGO THAT
17 IT WAS OPENING WITHOUT GATES AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY STOPPED THE
18 GATES FROM BEING PLACED IN THERE, THE QUAD GATES, THE STEEL
19 REINFORCED GATES, AND WHAT DOES THE "L.A. TIMES" SAY ABOUT
20 MISS MOLINA? THAT SHE'S SCARRED. HOW DARE THOSE RACIST SWINE
21 AT THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD, MR. JIM NEWTON WROTE THAT
22 AND SAID YOU WERE SCARRED. YOU KNOW WHAT JIM NEWTON WANTS YOU
23 TO DO, MS. MOLINA? HE WANTS YOU TO BE YOUR SERVANT. HE WANTS
24 YOU TO BE HIS SERVANT. ZEV WANTS THEM TO BE YOUR SERVANT. YOU
25 SPOKE UP FOR YOUR PEOPLE, AND THIS SYSTEM OPENS THE RACIST ON



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1 THE M.T.A. BOARD. THIS SYSTEM OPENED UP WITHOUT ANY GATES.
2 FIRST IN _____. I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING ON
3 THE SYSTEM. THAT IS THE NUMBER ONE SPOT WHERE THERE ARE GOING
4 TO BE ACCIDENTS. IT'S A HUMAN SACRIFICE. AND I WANT TO SAY,
5 WHEN I WENT OUT THERE, AND I HADN'T BEEN OUT-- I'VE TAUGHT AT
6 MANY SCHOOLS OUT THERE. HADN'T BEEN OUT THERE IN A FEW YEARS.
7 THE PART WHERE YOU'RE THE MAYOR, MS. MOLINA, WHERE THE COUNTY
8 IS MUCH NICER, IT'S WELL MAINTAINED, THE PART WHERE THE MAYOR
9 IS THE MAYOR, THE INCORPORATED PARTS, IT IS CRUMMY. WHAT AM I
10 SAYING? I'M SAYING THAT YOU ARE A BETTER MAYOR OF EAST L.A.
11 THAN THE MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I'M
16 KIND OF CONCERNED. I AM A RAIL PROPONENT, BUT I'VE SEEN THIS
17 PLAY ALREADY. WE JUST DID THIS SONG AND DANCE WITH THE
18 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR. THE CRENSHAW LINE IS GOING TO RUN TO
19 CONNECT TO THE GREEN LINE AND THE GREEN LINE IS GOING TO RUN
20 NORTH TO CONNECT TO THE AIRPORT, AND YOU HAVE TWO LINES
21 COVERING THE SAME PORTION OF DISTANCE LIKE YOU HAD IN DOWNTOWN
22 L.A. WITH THE RED LINE AND THE BLUE LINE AND BOTH COVERING THE
23 SAME PORTION OF DISTANCE AND THE BRILLIANT DECISION TO BUILD
24 THE RED LINE CHANGED THE WHOLE AXIS OF THE SUBWAY SYSTEM, THE
25 RAIL SYSTEM, TOTALLY AFFECTING EVERY BIT OF CONSTRUCTION IN



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1 THE COUNTY. HOW YOU CAN HAVE PLANS TO EXTEND THE CRENSHAW LINE
2 TO THE GREEN LINE AND THEN HAVE THE GREEN LINE DISCUSSION OR
3 THE PEOPLE FOR THE GREEN LINE TALK ABOUT EXTENDING THE GREEN
4 LINE TO THE AIRPORT WHEN PLANS CALL FOR A STATION TO BE BUILT
5 AT AVIATION AND CENTURY AND THE PROPERTY RIGHT DIAGONALLY
6 ACROSS THE STREET ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CENTURY AND
7 AVIATION IS ALL AIRPORT, AND IF YOU FOLLOWED ANY OF THE THINGS
8 THAT ARE GOING ON WITH THE AIRPORT WITH THE INCREDIBLE
9 LEADERSHIP THAT'S GOING ON THERE WITH THE NEW RENOVATIONS,
10 WHERE THEIR DESIGNING BUILDINGS BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD
11 THEM AND THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY FOR SAFETY ON THE TAXI
12 WAYS BECAUSE THEY'RE SPENDING MONEY ON ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN
13 THESE BUILDINGS THEY'RE NOT BUILDING AND NOBODY'S STEPPING UP
14 FOR A PROJECT THAT WENT FROM THREE BILLION TO \$8 BILLION
15 BEFORE YOU COULD BLINK YOUR EYES AND WE'RE DOING THE SAME
16 STUFF AGAIN. REPEAT. WASH, REPEAT, RINSE. WASH, REPEAT, RINSE.
17 TALK, SPEND MONEY, RINSE. IT'S RIDICULOUS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I CAN UNDERSTAND
20 THAT SOMEBODY OR WHOEVER MADE THIS MOTION, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO
21 BRING AN AMENDMENT TO IT, BUT MY CONCERN IS WE HAD A LOT OF
22 DEBATE AT THE M.T.A., AND THIS MOTION IS NOT REALLY
23 CONSISTENT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WITH THE METRO BOARD'S RECENT
24 ACTIONS, AND, YOU WANT, WE TRIED TO REACH CONSENSUS, CREATE A
25 REGIONAL BALANCE, SO PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE



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1 REGIONAL CONNECTOR, ALL OF OUR DESIRES, THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR,
2 GREEN LINE EXTENSION SOUTH, ALL THESE, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T
3 HAPPEN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE REGIONAL CONNECTOR, AND SO, YOU
4 KNOW, THIS WHOLE L.R.T.P. THING, IT'S NOT JUST TRANSIT'S
5 PROJECT, IT'S HIGHWAY PROJECTS, WE'VE GOT THAT WIDENING OF THE
6 I-5, THE RIDICULOUS SITUATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY TO L.A.
7 COUNTY AND I-5, 710, SOME OF THE OTHERS, SO, YOU KNOW, I JUST
8 DON'T THINK-- I'M TRYING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION, BUT
9 YET I JUST DON'T THINK IT REFLECTS, YOU KNOW, ALL THE DEBATE
10 IN WHAT WE JUST WENT THROUGH, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS WOULD
11 CHANGE IF WE HAVE A PREVIOUS ACTION WHERE WE ALL SIT ON THE
12 M.T.A., SO MAYBE THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION OR AMENDER OF THE
13 MOTION CAN EXPLAIN THAT TO ME.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME, AS THE MAKER, JUST SAY WHAT THE
16 RATIONALE WAS. PRIORITIES WERE, IN FACT, SET AT THE M.T.A.
17 WITH RESPECT TO NEW STARTS. MY SENSE IS THAT A CONCERTED
18 EFFORT BY VIRTUE OF BOARD ACTION, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUS, WILL BE
19 ON NEW START'S FUNDING FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT WE THINK
20 QUALIFY, AND THERE ARE TWO. SUBWAY, SEE IT AS CHARACTERIZED ON
21 THE REGIONAL CONNECTOR. THIS SEEKS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE
22 PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT NEW START FUNDED PROJECTS AND TO GET THE
23 GOLD LINE PROJECTS AND THE CRENSHAW-TO-LAX PROJECT A LIFT BY
24 THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES THAT ARE RETAINED BY OTHER BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. AND SO IF, IN FACT, WE WERE SERIOUS, AS I KNOW



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1 THAT WE WERE ABOUT THE SOUTH BAY PUSH AS WELL AS THE GOLD LINE
2 PUSH, WE NEED SOME HELP THAT I DO NOT THINK WILL BE AS FOCUSED
3 ON THE M.T.A. SIDE AS WILL BE IN FACT THE CASE WITH OUR OWN
4 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE, SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEKING TO
5 ACCOMPLISH. DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, I UNDERSTAND
8 THAT PIECE, BUT I DON'T THINK THE MOTION REFLECTS THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, I TALKED TO MR.
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS ABOUT THAT A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND I CHECKED WITH
12 STAFF. THE M.T.A. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY STAFF DOES HAVE A PLAN
13 OF ADVOCACY BOTH FOR THE NEW STARTS AND FOR THE OTHER PROJECTS
14 THAT WERE-- THAT ARE IN THE L.R.T.P. AND, IN FACT, THEY'RE
15 LAYING THAT OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS IN THE DAYS AHEAD, SO
16 THERE IS AN ACTIVE LOBBYING CAMPAIGN THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE
17 BY THE M.T.A. ON BOTH THE NEW STARTS AND THE OTHER NON NEW
18 STARTS PROJECT. SECONDLY, THERE IS NO LIMITATION ON THE
19 L.R.T.P.'S APPROVAL. WHEN THE BOARDS OF THE M.T.A. APPROVED
20 THE L.R.T.P., IT DIDN'T LIMIT THE ADVOCACY TO JUST THE NEW
21 STARTS. THIS WOULD LIMIT THE ADVOCACY OF THE COUNTY ADVOCATES
22 JUST TO THE NON NEW STARTS. I THINK THAT WE OUGHT TO HAVE A
23 MOTION THAT-- THE MOTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO MAKE IT
24 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE BOARD OF THE M.T.A. DID AND THEN AS
25 THINGS EVOLVE, LET THEM WASH OUT. IF IT TURNS OUT THAT THE



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1 M.T.A. IS FOCUSED MORE ON ONE THING THAN OUR FOLKS CAN BE
2 FOCUSED ON THE OTHER STUFF OR VICE VERSA, BUT I DON'T THINK WE
3 SHOULD PRECLUDE THE COUNTY ADVOCATES FROM NOT ONLY PURSUING
4 THE TRANSIT STUFF, BUT ALSO THE HIGHWAY THINGS THAT ARE THE
5 HIGHWAY PROJECTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOBBYING FOR, ET
6 CETERA. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT THAT THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS IN AN AMENDMENT TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY
9 OFFICE TO WORK WITH THE METRO GOVERNMENT--

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE COUNTY FEDERAL ADVOCACY OFFICE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, WITH THE M.T.A. FEDERAL ADVOCACY OFFICE.
14 LET ME START OVER AGAIN. THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT
15 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY FEDERAL ADVOCACY
16 OFFICE TO WORK WITH THE METRO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STAFF TO
17 PURSUE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ALL PROJECTS APPROVED AND
18 PRIORITIZED IN THE 2009 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS
19 OUTLINED IN THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
20 ON OCTOBER 22ND, 2009. THAT'S WHOLLY EMBRACING--

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT EMBRACES EVERYTHING. IT DOESN'T
23 EXCLUDE ANYTHING, LIKE THE CONNECTOR. OKAY?

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD EXCLUDE
2 ANYTHING, BUT I THINK IT WAS CLEAR TO ME WITH THE L.R.T.P.
3 THAT PRIORITIES WERE SET. RIGHT? AND THE PRIORITIES WERE
4 SUBWAY AND THE REGIONAL CONNECTOR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR NEW STARTS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FOR NEW STARTS. THAT EFFECTIVELY CALLED
9 FORTH WHAT I THINK AND OTHERS UNDERSTOOD TO BE PRIORITIES, AND
10 THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS VOTE THAT WAS
11 TAKEN AT M.T.A. BEFORE THE WHOLE L.R.T.P. CAME TO OUR
12 ATTENTION. THAT IN EFFECT SET FORTH PRIORITIES. WHAT THIS
13 MOTION SEEKS TO DO IS SAY THE FOLLOWING. WE SHOULD AND CAN
14 HAVE PRIORITIES FOR THE NON NEW STARTS FUNDING SO THAT THESE
15 PROJECTS CAN GET FUNDING AND ATTENTION THAT THEY NEED. THAT'S
16 WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU MOVING AHEAD OF THE NEW START?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO. NO. YES, EXACTLY. I GET THE NEW
21 STARTS DEAL. THEY'RE GOING TO GO FORWARD. NAMELY THE SUBWAY TO
22 THE SEA AND THE REGIONAL CONNECTORS. THEY GOT A CALL ON MONEY.
23 THE OTHER PROJECTS ARE WITHOUT CALLING ON ANY PARTICULAR
24 RESOURCES. I'M SIMPLY TRYING TO GET OUR TEAM TO FOCUS ON
25 THOSE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOULDN'T YOU WANT THEM TO COORDINATE
3 WITH THE M.T.A. INSTEAD OF BEING OUT THERE BY OURSELVES?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS DOESN'T SAY THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN
6 COMMUNICATION WITH THE M.T.A. AT ALL. IT JUST TRIES TO SET A
7 DIRECTION, A FOCUS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT WOULD BE--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THE MOTION DOESN'T READ LIKE
10 THAT, MARK, THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I SAY. THE MOTION SIMPLY
11 SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, WE VOTED AS AN M.T.A. BOARD TO SUPPORT
12 THE NEW START PRIORITIES AND THEN NOW WE'RE GOING TO, YOU
13 KNOW, AT LEAST CONTINUE TO LOOK BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FUNDING
14 PRIORITIES FOR THESE OTHER DOLLARS, FOR THESE OTHER PROJECTS,
15 WHICH I SUPPORT, BUT I DON'T--

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU DON'T THINK THE MOTION SAYS THAT?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** -- IT'S CONFUSING TO ME THAT, AFTER ALL
20 THESE PROJECTS THAT I SUPPORT, TO GO AHEAD AND BUMP IT AHEAD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS SAYS,
23 DON, AT ALL.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IT SAYS IS IT MAKES THE-- IT PUTS THE
2 COUNTY LOBBYISTS EXCLUSIVELY LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE NON NEW
3 STARTS PROJECTS WHILE THE M.T.A. IS GOING TO BE LOBBYING FOR
4 THE NON NEW STARTS PROJECTS AND THE NEW STARTS PROJECTS.
5 THAT'S NOT RIGHT. THEN LET'S PUT THIS OVER A WEEK.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S NOT MY SENSE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE PUT IT OVER A WEEK AND YOU GUYS
10 WORK ON THE LANGUAGE. BECAUSE I SUPPORT--

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S NOT A MATTER THAT COULDN'T BE PUT
13 OVER.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** [OFF MIC.]

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GET WHAT UNDERSTANDING?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** [OFF MIC.]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE PREPARING A PLAN AS WE SPEAK AND
22 THEY'RE GOING TO BE BREACHING EACH ONE OF US, AND I THINK THAT
23 IF WE PUT THIS OVER A WEEK OR TWO AND EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO
24 FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING, MAYBE IT'LL SHED A DIFFERENT
25 LIGHT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE NO RESISTANCE TO PUTTING THIS OVER.
3 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THEIR PRIORITIES IS CORRECT. I SEE THEIR
4 LOBBYING FORCE TO BE FOCUSED ON NEW STARTS. I'M NOT DEBATING
5 THAT. I'M ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO GET SOME FOCUS AND ATTENTION
6 AND SUPPORT FOR NON NEW STARTS PROJECT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION. IT
9 DOESN'T APPEAR LIKE YOU'RE BUMPING.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO WE CAN CONTINUE IT A WEEK?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE MAKE IT TWO? IT'S A SHORT WEEK NEXT
14 WEEK. TWO WEEKS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. ZEV, YOU'RE STILL
19 UP.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M DONE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE DONE, OKAY. AGAIN, I WOULD JUST
24 ADD, YOU KNOW, MY COMMENTS IN REGARDS TO DOUG [RING] AND WE
25 WERE ALL THERE TODAY AND IT WAS A VERY NICE SERVICE. HE GAVE



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1 QUIETLY TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS AND HAD AN IMPACT ON A
2 LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND A LOT OF THOSE IN NEED, AND OUR
3 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS CONTINUE TO BE WITH CINDY AND THE ENTIRE
4 FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RON FISH, A
5 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND MARRIED FOR
6 64 YEARS TO BARBARA FISH, MY LONG-TIME FRIEND AND APPOINTEE TO
7 PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY. HE WAS A MEMBER
8 OF THE AIR FORCE AND DID SOME PILOT TRAINING DURING WORLD WAR
9 II. THEY SETTLED IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS WHERE THEY RAISED THEIR
10 FAMILY. THEY'VE BEEN LONG-TIME COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND MEMBERS
11 OF THE H.H.I.A. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BARBARA, SON RON,
12 DAUGHTERS LAURA AND TONI. OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO
13 BARBARA AND HER FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS.
14 IT WAS A VERY SUDDEN LOSS. BARBARA'S BEEN QUITE ILL HERSELF,
15 SO HE WILL BE MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
16 LONG-TIME FRIEND, MARY CHOTE, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE
17 WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
18 HER DAUGHTERS PATTIE AND SUZANNE. GREAT LADY. FUN TO BE
19 AROUND. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GRETCHEN MUCCI,
20 A LONG-TIME HIGHLY REGARDED EMPLOYEE OF THE OPTIMIST YOUTH
21 HOME. SHE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2009. SHE
22 BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE OPTIMISTS BACK IN 1990. SHE'S BEEN
23 INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE OPTIMIST HOMES MAJOR
24 FUNDRAISING EVENTS. THROUGHOUT THIS TIME, SHE'S HAD SOME MAJOR
25 HEALTH ISSUES BUT CONTINUED TO WORK HARD. SHE HAD ONE OF THE



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1 GREAT PERSONALITIES AND POSITIVE DEMEANORS EVER PRESENT, DAY
2 IN AND DAY OUT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN HONOR OF HER
3 DEDICATION AND LOYALTY, THEY WILL BE NAMING PART OF A NEW GYM
4 IN HER MEMORY. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL OF THOSE LIVES
5 THAT SHE TOUCHED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ED
6 REILLY, A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE LAKEWOOD MEN'S GOLF CLUB AND
7 REPRESENTED WITH THE PUBLIC'S ASSOCIATION, PASSED AWAY
8 NOVEMBER 15TH, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HELEN AND FAMILY. ALSO
9 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ZACHARY ROBERT HEADDEN
10 RESIDENT OF COVINA, WHO DIED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, IN THE
11 CITY OF DIAMOND BAR AS A RESULT OF A FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON
12 THE 60 FREEWAY. 20 YEARS OLD, AND THE SON OF CALIFORNIA
13 HIGHWAY PATROL SERGEANT ROBERT HEADDEN FROM OUR SANTA FE
14 SPRINGS OFFICE. ZACHARY WAS A HEAD DRUM MAJOR FOR PACIFIC
15 CREST DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS DIAMOND BAR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
16 FATHER ROBERT, STEPMOTHER, MOTHER, STEPFATHER, TWO SISTERS,
17 TWO STEP BROTHERS AND FIVE STEP SISTERS. AND THAT WE ALSO, ZEV
18 DID IN REGARDS TO MR. HOWARD JACOBS OF FIRST 5. I'D LIKE TO
19 JOIN IN THAT. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF COLLEEN
20 KING, LONG-TIME SIGNAL HILLS RESIDENT WHAT PASSED AWAY
21 NOVEMBER 14TH. SHE WAS THE FIRST LADY OF SIGNAL HILL WHILE HER
22 HUSBAND KEATON SERVED AS TWO-TERM MAYOR. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN
23 MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS NAMED SIGNAL HILL SENIOR CITIZEN OF
24 THE YEAR SEVERAL YEARS AGO. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF
25 55 YEARS, KEATON, SON KEVIN, TWO DAUGHTERS CHRISTEEN AND



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1 KELLEY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. I'LL
2 CALL UP ITEM 2. JOHN WALSH AND ARNOLD SACHS. TWO MINUTES.
3 OKAY. ITEM 2, MR. SACHS, MR. WALSH.

4

5 **JOHN WALSH:** DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT COMING EVERY WEEK. I'VE GOT
6 BETTER THINGS TO DO. HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS HOLLYWOOD
7 HIGHLANDS DOT ORG. THANK YOU. I DON'T NEED TWO MINUTES.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU OF APPRECIATE THAT. MR. SACHS?
10 YOU CAN'T USE HIS TIME. YOU STILL ONLY HAVE TWO MINUTES.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING AT GETTING
13 INFORMATION, I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY'S GOING TO
14 STEP UP AND FURTHER INVESTIGATE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT
15 APPEARED IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF
16 FIGHTING THE FIRE ITSELF, THAT IT'S BEEN DETAILED IN SOME OF
17 THE STORIES THAT IT WAS A DELAY IN PUTTING OUT THE APPROPRIATE
18 APPARATUS THAT WOULD HAVE-- MIGHT HAVE KEPT-- OR HAD THIS FIRE
19 KNOCKED DOWN QUICKER BEFORE IT BECAME SUCH A HUGE BLAZE. I'D
20 LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY'S GOING TO INVESTIGATE THAT, TOO,
21 BECAUSE IF THE WRONG DECISIONS WERE MADE AND IT'S ALWAYS A
22 FIRE PRONE SEASON IN L.A., THEY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED JUST FOR
23 THE SAFETY AND THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN SOME OF
24 THESE AREAS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS 5, 9, 23 WHILE
6 YOU'RE HERE.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NUMBER 5.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL IN THREE MINUTES.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ALL IN THREE MINUTES.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE GOOD. YOU ARE GOOD.

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU EXPECT AN AWFUL LOT. ITEM 5 ADDRESSES-- OH,
17 THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO-- WORST-CASE SCENARIOS, AND AGAIN,
18 SWINE FLU AND VACCINATION, WHAT ARE THE PLANS? WHAT ARE THE
19 COUNTY PLANS FOR ANY KIND OF TIDAL WAVE OF THE PUBLIC, WHICH
20 COULD AMOUNT TO A COUPLE THOUSAND, THREE, FOUR, FIVE,000, SIX
21 THOUSAND, 10,000 PEOPLE MOVING IN RESPONSE TO--

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT YOU WOULD HOPE THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A
2 PLAN BEFORE THE SITUATION WOULD HAVE AROSE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION, TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT WE DO HAVE A PLAN.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION IS.
8 I'M JUST SAYING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD
9 HAVE BEEN A PLAN IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THIS MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS A PLAN, BUT IS IT PREPARED FOR
12 THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO. THAT'S WHAT'S...

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 9 IS THE OPERATING EXPENSES AT
15 THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, THE SUPERIOR COURT THERE. IT WAS
16 JUST, WHAT WAS IT, TWO DAYS AGO, OR LAST WEEK THERE WAS A
17 STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING A JUDGE WARNING EFFECTS OF
18 BIG BUDGET CUTS ON HIS OPERATION, AND, AGAIN, I CAN'T
19 REITERATE ENOUGH WHEN IS THE COUNTY GOING TO LOOK INTO THE
20 \$46,000 A MONTH PAYMENTS THEY MAKE TO THE COUNTY JUDGE--
21 JUDGES OF-- THE TOTAL OF ALMOST 18 MILLION A YEAR AND START TO
22 USE THAT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS INSTEAD OF THE
23 FURLOUGHS AND THE CLOSING OF THE COURTS THAT AFFECT ALL THE
24 PUBLIC AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE 200 JUDGES THAT ARE SUPERIOR
25 COURT?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. 23?

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NUMBER 17? 17 YET?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER 23 RIGHT NOW.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 23. ANOTHER OUTSOURCING CASE. THE COUNTY LOOKED
9 TO OUTSOURCE. IS THIS ANOTHER LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE? ARE THESE
10 PEOPLE COVERED WITH INSURANCE? YOU KNOW, ET CETERA, ET CETERA,
11 ET CETERA.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT THROUGH THE
14 PROP A. 17? GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS 17 WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM THAT'S INTERFACED
17 WITH THE CASE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, AND CAN'T HELP BUT
18 WONDER, YOU'VE HEARD HOW MANY SPEAKERS HERE FROM CHILD WELFARE
19 AND THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT THE SHARING OF INFORMATION ON THE
20 CASES THAT WOULD HELP THE WORKERS IN DETERMINING IF A CHILD IS
21 AT RISK IN SOME OF THE HOMES THEY END UP IN OF THE 12 CHILDREN
22 THAT WERE KILLED LAST YEAR, THE 14 CHILDREN THAT WERE KILLED
23 THE YEAR BEFORE, WHEN WILL YOU ADDRESS INTERFACING IN THE
24 COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEM BEFORE YOU WORRY ABOUT INTERFACING
25 THE STATE INFORMATION SYSTEM?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD AND WHILE
3 YOU'RE HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER MINUTE TO SPEAK TO ITEM 36.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS A SHERIFF'S REIMBURSEMENT ITEM. JUST OUT
6 OF CURIOSITY BECAUSE IT'S MADE SO MANY HEADLINES, WHEN THE
7 SHERIFF'S I BELIEVE WERE CALLED UP FOR THE JACKSON MEMORIAL IN
8 THE CITY OF L.A. WERE THEY REIMBURSED BY THE CITY? WAS THAT A
9 REIMBURSED ITEM, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GOT REIMBURSED FROM
10 THE CITY AND/OR DID THE M.T.A. GET REIMBURSED FROM THE CITY
11 FOR THOSE EXPENSES THAT THEY INCURRED? I REMEMBER COMING INTO
12 DOWNTOWN. EVERY RAIL STATION HAD THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX
13 SHERIFFS AT THEIR GRAND AVENUE STATION, AT THE PICO AVENUE
14 STATION, THERE WERE MORE SHERIFFS THAN THERE WERE CUSTOMERS
15 AND THE RED LINE STATION AT 7TH AND METRO, YOU COULDN'T GET
16 OFF THE TRAIN WITHOUT RUNNING INTO A SHERIFF. JUST OUT OF
17 CURIOSITY--

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'D HAVE TO ASK THE C.E.O. ON THAT.
20 I'M NOT SURE. I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, DO YOU THINK THEY SHOULD BE REIMBURSED?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. GUY WANTS AN OPINION.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHO DO THEY PURSUE IT FROM?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ITEM 5,
4 I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NUMBER 5 HAS OTHER SPEAKERS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 2, 9 AND 23 ARE BEFORE YOU
11 RIGHT NOW.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S BEFORE US?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 2, 9 AND 23.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM
19 NUMBER 5, TWO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS, MARK HE HAVE EVITT AND
20 RICHIE DUCHON.

21

22 **MARK EVITT:** MY NAME IS MARK EVITT. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
23 RICHIE DUCHON AS WELL. I'M THE EDITOR OF NEON TOMMY. NEON
24 TOMMY IS THE ONLINE PUBLICATION BASED AT THE U.C. ANNENBERG
25 SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM AND WE ARE ENGAGED IN A



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1 SOBER AND CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROFILE VICTIMS OF SWINE FLU IN
2 L.A. COUNTY AND TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR PUBLIC
3 HEALTH OFFICIALS IN MEETING THE H.1.N.1. THREAT. IN MEETING
4 WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE OUR OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE PUBLIC
5 ABOUT THIS EMERGING EPIDEMIC, HOWEVER, WE HAVE MET SUBSTANTIAL
6 RESISTANCE FROM L.A. COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR.
7 JONATHAN FIELDING AND FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. WE'VE
8 TRIED NUMEROUS TIMES OVER THE LAST FIVE WEEKS TO ARRANGE AN
9 INTERVIEW WITH DR. FIELDING AND HE HAS DECLINED US EACH TIME.
10 THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY EXPLANATION
11 TO US, CHANGE IN POLICY AND WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE US WITH
12 DEATHS CERTIFICATES OF EVERY SWINE FLU VICTIM THAT THE COUNTY
13 REPORTS CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU MAKE A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST?

16

17 **MARK EVITT:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OFFICIAL? OKAY.

20

21 **MARK EVITT:** AND WE OBTAINED 44 DEATH CERTIFICATES AND
22 BASICALLY THAT THEY'RE-- THE WAY THAT THEY-- OUR SUBSEQUENT
23 REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL SWINE FLU DEATH CERTIFICATES WERE
24 DENIED. AND SO WHEN YOU CALL THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
25 THE INTERIM DIRECTORS OF HEALTH SERVICES TO SPEAK, WE



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1 ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK THEM A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
2 COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE EPIDEMIC, INCLUDING WHAT IS THE
3 PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING POST-DEATH TESTS WHEN H.1.N.1. IS
4 CONSIDERED A PROBABLE CAUSE BUT IT'S NOT LISTED AS THE CAUSE
5 OF DEATH ON THE INITIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE? WHAT IS THE PROCESS
6 OF UPDATING DEATH CERTIFICATES THAT DO NOT LIST H1N1 AS
7 PRIMARY UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH, WHEN TESTING LATER
8 DETERMINES IT TO BE ONE? WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR NOTIFYING
9 VICTIMS' FAMILY WHEN THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS DETERMINED TO BE
10 H.1.N.1. WEEKS AFTER AT THE TIME OF DEATH?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF YOUR REQUESTS FOR
13 QUESTION, YOU CAN GET THAT TO US, WE'LL GET IT CHECKED OUT.
14 MR. COUNTY COUNSEL, DO YOU HAVE A RESPONSE? GIVE ME A LIST OF
15 THE QUESTIONS.

16

17 **MARK EVITT:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE--
20 DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST WITH REGARD
21 TO ALL PUBLIC RECORD DEATHS CERTIFICATES WHICH LISTED H.1.N.1.
22 AS A CAUSE OF DEATH. I THINK THAT THE CONCERN IS THAT OTHER
23 CAUSE-- IF THE H.1.N.1. IS NOT LISTED AS THE CAUSE OF DEATH
24 BUT MAY BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR, IT COULD BE DETERMINED BY
25 BASICALLY CROSS REFERENCING A DATABASE ON THE REPORTING



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1 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL AND SOMETHING THAT
2 WE CANNOT DISCLOSE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET YOU SOME ANSWERS
5 TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND GET A COPY OF THAT. OKAY? APPRECIATE YOU
6 TAKING THE TIME. THANK YOU. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE IT.
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM 17. MR. O'ROURKE? NO, NEVER MIND.
9 DEPARTMENT FIRST. OKAY?

10

11 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'M SORRY, PHILIP BROWNING AT DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND MIKE SYLVESTER, ASSISTANT
13 DIRECTOR FOR I.T. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I GUESS I'M JUST NOT SURE WHY ONCE
20 AGAIN-- ONCE AGAIN WE ARE PAYING ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TO ENSURE
21 THAT OUR LEADER SYSTEM, WHICH IS GOING TO BE OBSOLETE IN A
22 MATTER OF YEARS, CAN INTERFACE WITH A BRAND-NEW SYSTEM THAT'S
23 NOT IN EXISTENCE YET.

24



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT'S CORRECT, SIR. THE NEW STATE SYSTEM
2 OVER WHICH WE HAVE LIMITED CONTROL AND VIRTUALLY NO INTERFACE
3 CAPABILITY WILL BE UP AND RUNNING IN THE SPRING OF 2010. IT
4 WON'T BE IN L.A. UNTIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR, BUT WE REALLY NEED
5 A LONGER TIME IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INTERFACE WORKS
6 FOR L.A. BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT MORE CASES, A LOT MORE VOLUME
7 AND THE STATE IS GIVING US 100 PERCENT FUNDING FOR THIS NEW
8 INTERFACE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT SEEMS LIKE WE JUST PUT NEW TIRES ON A
11 CAR WE'RE GOING TO SELL. I MEAN--

12

13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'M SORRY?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE PUTTING NEW TIRES
16 ON A CAR WE'RE GOING TO SELL.

17

18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE'LL JUST DRIVE IT FOR A WHILE, THOUGH.
19 WE'RE GOING TO DRIVE IT FOR ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR YEARS BEFORE
20 WE ACTUALLY TRADE IT IN FOR A NEW ONE, BECAUSE THE NEW SYSTEM--
21 -

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT WHAT YOU JUST SAID. YOU SAID SPRING
24 OF 2010.

25



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT'S WHEN THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE
2 IN OTHER COUNTIES, NOT UNTIL 2011 WILL IT BE AVAILABLE FOR US.
3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.
5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** DO YOU WANT TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
7 INFORMATION?
8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
10 INFORMATION THAT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT LEADER? SURE.
11

12 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT
13 IT, BUT JUST LET YOU KNOW THAT C.M.I.P. TWO IT IS A NEW
14 REPLACEMENT STATE SYSTEM FOR OUR--
15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
17

18 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** THERE'S NO INTERFACE TO THE LEGACY C.M.I.P.
19 SYSTEM BETWEEN LEADER AND ALL THE CONSORTIA LEADERS, CAL
20 _____ FOR ALL MANDATED TO HAVE AN INTERFACE WITH THE NEW
21 SYSTEM.
22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE DO HAVE A
24 COUPLE-- MR. O'ROURKE, YOU SIGNED UP. THANK YOU.
25



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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MR. O'ROURKE, AND I
2 BROUGHT UP EARLIER THAT THIS MONTH, I TALKED TO YOU LATE LAST
3 MONTH, ABOUT THE ORANGE COUNTY JUDGES WHO ALL BUT ONE WERE
4 BASICALLY TIED INTO ADOPTION SCANDAL, RECEIVING KICKBACKS FROM
5 ADOPTION--

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 17, PLEASE.

8

9 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YES, THIS IS ATTACHED. THE LEADER SYSTEM, I
10 WOULD SAY DON'T UPGRADE IT, USE THE TIME TO ASSESS THE
11 COUNTY'S VULNERABILITY TO LAWSUITS DUE TO MISREPRESENTATION IN
12 OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE AND OTHER AREAS WHERE BASICALLY
13 FRAUD HAS BEEN INDICATED AND A LOT OF THE JUDGMENTS AGAINST
14 PARENTS HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED. THE D.C.F.S. CAN'T HANDLE THE
15 INFORMATION IT HAS NOW, SO I WOULD SAY DON'T USE THE MONEY TO
16 IMPROVE A SYSTEM THAT'S OBSOLETE, THAT'S GOING TO BE OBSOLETE
17 IN TWO YEARS, BUT USE THE MONEY TO FIND A WAY TO MITIGATE ON
18 THE DAMAGES TO THE CITY, THE POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR FRAUD ON
19 THE PART OF D.C.F.S., USING--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS NOT D.C.F.S., BUT THAT'S OKAY.
22 WHY ADDRESS ITEM 36 WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

23



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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** BASICALLY D.C.F.S. HAS STILL USED THE COUNTY
2 HEALTH SYSTEM AS APPROPRIATED INFORMATION AS FACT AND MISUSED
3 INFORMATION TO GO AHEAD AND--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS RELATED TO A PERSONAL ISSUE THAT
6 YOU HAVE WITH THE COUNTY. TRY TO STICK TO THE ITEM.

7

8 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** WELL, THIS ISN'T JUST ME. NOW THE F.B.I. IS
9 BEING INVOLVED IN THIS CASE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. ARE YOU GOING TO
12 ADDRESS ITEM 36 WHILE YOU'RE HERE?

13

14 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** THE LEADER SYSTEM IS A HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY--
15 IS A HEALTH SYSTEM AND D.C.F.S. USES THIS INFORMATION TOO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A GROWTH INDUSTRY.

18

19 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** IT'S AN INFORMATION-SHARING INDUSTRY. SORRY,
20 MR. KNABE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 19
23 AND 22, PLEASE, WHILE YOU'RE HERE? I THINK 19-- PARDON ME?

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** [OFF MIC.]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 19, 22 AND 38. 22 IS THE CENTERS FOR
3 DISEASE CONTROL AND 19 IS THE AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL
4 NEURODIAGNOSTICS AND 32 IS--

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 38, 38.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 38, EXCUSE ME, IS-- SOMETHING HERE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

11

12 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** LET ME ADDRESS 38 FIRST, SINCE THAT'S A
13 LITTLE BIT EASIER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ADDRESS THEM ALL IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

16

17 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SO 38, BASICALLY THE SHERIFFS DID
18 COME DOWN TO MY OFFICE, THEY WERE-- I GUESS THAT THE-- WHAT DO
19 YOU CALL IT, CAME DOWN TO MY HOUSE BEFORE 9:00 A.M.,
20 INTRODUCED THEMSELVES, THE POLICE, OPEN THE DOOR IMMEDIATELY.
21 THERE WAS A D.C.F.S. WORKER USING SHERIFF AS A COVER TO GAIN
22 ACCESS TO MY HOUSE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

25



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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** IT'S D.C.F.S. REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THIS AND OTHER
3 CASES.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. IT WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. OKAY?

6

7 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'M JUST--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE TRYING TO TIE THIS TO YOUR OWN
10 PERSONAL SITUATION. IT'S A REAL STRETCH. I'M TRYING TO BE
11 COOPERATIVE WITH YOU.

12

13 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** OH, OKAY. WELL, I WAS TOLD--

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE GOT GLOBAL NEURODIAGNOSTICS YET
16 AND--

17

18 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, BASICALLY, I DIDN'T GET TO
19 SPEAK ON MANY OF THE ITEMS AND THOSE WERE REFERRED, AND I
20 WASN'T SURE IF ONE OF THE ITEMS-- ALL RIGHT. I'LL SKIP THE
21 OTHER TWO AND SAVE MY TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE THEN
24 HAVE A MOTION ON--

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 17, 19, 22, 36, 38.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
4 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. DOES THAT COMPLETE THE AGENDA?

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT DOES. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ALL RIGHT.
10 OSCAR JOHNSON. HILLARIE LEVY, ARNOLD SACHS. AND REVEREND
11 WILLIAM SMALL WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. OKAY. ARE YOU
12 READY?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T SEE THE CLOCK.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE CLOCK?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** NO.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SEE IT?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S NOT UP.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ONLY TWO MINUTES?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, TWO MINUTES.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** WHY NOT THREE?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU THREE. YOU'VE BEEN
6 SO PATIENT, I'LL GIVE YOU THREE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S OKAY. YOU DO IT YOUR WAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO GIVE MR. SACHS TWO. I'LL
11 GIVE YOU THREE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NO, HE'S QUALITY. HE'S QUALITY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YOU GO AHEAD.

18

19 **WILLIAM SMALL:** MY NAME IS REVEREND WILLIAM SMALL AND I LIVE IN
20 LYNWOOD, AND SENIORS AND PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKERS AND
21 WE HAVE A PUBLIC BATHROOM AND THEY KEEP IT LOCKED AND I DON'T
22 SEE WHY IT SHOULD BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES, MOSTLY AT NIGHT, AND
23 I'M TIRED OF GOING OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR THERE AND DOING WHAT I
24 HAVE TO DO. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S THE LOCATION? IS IT A PARK?

2

3 **WILLIAM SMALL:** NO. IT'S A CIVIL LIVING PLACE. IT'S V-I-S-T-A
4 BEACH.

5

6 **WILLIAM SMALL:** IT'S IN LYNWOOD.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MAYBE STAFF CAN HELP. OKAY. ALL RIGHT.
9 THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON?

10

11 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I'M PROACTIVE. I SPEAK
12 FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR OUR PRESIDENT,
13 MR. BARACK OBAMA, I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE, MISS
14 MICHELLE OBAMA. I SEE WHERE MISS MICHELLE OBAMA IS CONTINUING
15 HER WORK, BUT HER PROGRAM, HER DELEGATION IS GOING ACROSS THE
16 COUNTRY TO TEACH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALES MOTHERHOOD AND
17 TEACHING THEM TO RECOVER THEMSELVES. I'LL BE GLAD WHEN THEY
18 COME TO LOS ANGELES. WE NEED TO STOP GOVERNMENT WASTE, WE NEED
19 TO STOP GOVERNMENT-- RACISM IN GOVERNMENT, WE NEED TO WORK
20 TOGETHER, WE NEED TO UNITE. WE NEED TO PUT PRESIDENT OBAMA IN
21 ANY POLITICIANS DO NOT SUPPORT PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULD BE
22 REMOVED FROM OFFICE. ANY POLITICAL PERSON THAT'S INVOLVED WITH
23 DRUGS SHOULD BE PROSECUTED. ANY POLITICAL OFFICERS THAT'S
24 INVOLVED WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SHOULD BE PROSECUTED. OUR
25 CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED DOWN IN FORT



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1 HOOD, TEXAS, WHERE IT SEEMS AS THOUGH AMERICA IS RIGHT,
2 EVERYTHING _____ TO IDENTIFY WITH THEM. THEY HAVE NO
3 COMPASSION FOR HUMANITY, BUT WHEN SOMETHING OCCUR THEY ALWAYS
4 SAYING, WELL, THE GOVERNMENT IS CLEAN, THIS PERSON WAS LEGAL.
5 WELL, WE KNOW HE WASN'T. WE SHOULD CLEAN THE DRUGS UP OFF OF
6 SKID ROW, WE SHOULD END THE GENOCIDE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN
7 PEOPLE. WE SHOULD CREATE JOBS FOR OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH.
8 WE NEED JOBS SO WE CAN MARRY AND RAISE FAMILY. TOO MANY
9 CHILDREN ARE BORN OUTSIDE OF WEDLOCK TODAY. WE SHOULD ALWAYS
10 STRIVE FOR A BETTER GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO STOP OUR SHERIFF
11 FROM SHOOTING, OUR DEPUTIES FROM SHOOTING UNHARMED BLACK MEN
12 WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY OF THEIR ACTION. WE NEED TO STOP THE
13 POLICE FROM SHOOTING UNARMED BLACK PEOPLE WITHOUT CONTRIBUTION
14 OF THEIR ACTION. BUT I WANT THEM TO KNOW NOW, IT'S A NEW DAY
15 IN WASHINGTON D.C. FOR THAT CONDUCT TO KEEP GOING ON. WE
16 SHOULD END CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL. MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA SHOULD
17 HAVE MORE BLACKS ON THE METRO RAIL THAT HE DOING AND HE
18 NEGLECTING TO HAVE BLACK MEN. HE SHOULD BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE
19 FOR HIS ACTION. HE SHOULD END THE GOVERNMENT WASTE. WE SHOULD
20 CLEAN UP THE MIDNIGHT MISSION SKID ROW WHERE THE MEN'S AND
21 WOMEN'S SLEEP ON THE CONCRETE DAY AND NIGHT AND THEY HAVE NO
22 SHELTER OVER THEIR HEAD, THEY HAVE NO ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.
23 WHEN IT GET COLD, EXCEEDINGLY COLD AND WHEN IT RAINS, THEY
24 HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. WE SHOULD END ABUSE IN THE NURSING HOME,
25 WE SHOULD END ABUSE IN THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM. AND AS FOR



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1 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, I THINK IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO
2 STAY CLOSED BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTED THAT DOCTORS WAS MAKING A
3 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. MILLION YEARS DOING WHAT AT M.L.K.? WE
4 SHOULD HAVE BETTER BUS DRIVERS. MANY TIMES I BE ON THE BUS
5 STOP, THE BUS DRIVER KEEP PASSING ME UP. THEY DO NOT PICK ME
6 UP. MANY TIMES I GET READY TO GET OFF THE BACK DOOR OR THE
7 SIDE REAR DOOR OF THE BUS, I GET LOCKED ON, SEEM LIKE I BEEN
8 KIDNAPPED. MY NAME IS OSCAR JOHNSON. THANKS AGAIN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. HILLARIE LEVY. NOT
11 HERE? GONE? OKAY. JOHN WALSH, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE, BOBBY
12 COOPER AND PATRICK O'ROURKE.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS.
15 I'D LIKE TO SPEND MY TWO MINUTES OR THREE MINUTES DISCUSSING
16 SOME UPCOMING METRO EVENTS AND SOME PART OF DISCUSSION TODAY
17 TOUCHED ON THE 2009 LONG-RANGE METRO PLAN, TRANSIT PLAN, AND
18 I'M JUST CURIOUS, AGAIN, BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER REALLY HAD ANY
19 ANSWERS TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE
20 2001LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE-- LAST YEAR, THERE WAS
21 QUITE A FUSS BEFORE MEASURE R WAS PASSED REGARDING THE FACT
22 THAT METRO HAD SPENT MONEY TO PRODUCE A FLIER OR A PRINT OUT
23 OR A MAILER OR SOMETHING, COVER PHOTOS AND ALL KINDS OF WORK
24 AND WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM. YET METRO SPENT A TON OF MONEY,
25 IF THEY SPENT HALF A TON OF MONEY CREATING THIS MEASURE R



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1 FLIER, THEY PROBABLY SPENT A TON OF MONEY CREATING THIS 2008
2 METRO DRAFT PLAN, LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN, BUT THEY'VE NEVER
3 PASSED THE 2008 LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN, AND NOW YOU'RE
4 TALKING ABOUT, AGAIN, A 2009 LONG-RANGE, TRANSIT PLAN. SO IT'S
5 REALLY SIMPLE. SOMEBODY STEP UP AND SAY, WELL, WE HAVE THIS
6 2001 LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN, LUCKILY, BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO
7 AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THE TOLL ROAD LEGISLATION THAT A LOT OF US
8 GET THE MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE THIS
9 2008 LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN WHICH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE
10 GOING TO DO YET BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT 2009
11 LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN IS, AND PEOPLE JUST TRUST US, BECAUSE
12 WE'RE LEADING THE CHARGE, AND THEN YOU GET SITUATIONS WHERE
13 YOU HAVE FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, WHICH
14 SHOULD HAVE BEEN BUILT, OH, 25 YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS PART OF
15 THE BLUE LINE. NOW IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT BECAUSE THE BLUE
16 LINE, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO GO FROM LONG BEACH TO PASADENA
17 CHANGED COLORS. IT MORPHED INTO THE GOLD. IT'S BECOME LIKE--
18 LIKE WHAT'S THOSE-- AMPHIBIAN, CHANGE COLORS, BLEND INTO THE
19 SCENERY, SO NOW WE HAVE THAT SITUATION. NOW WE NEED MORE
20 MONEY. NOW WE HAVE A SITUATION WITH THE CRENSHAW LINE GOING
21 SOUTH AND THE GREEN LINE GOING NORTH. SAME ROUTE, MORE MONEY.
22 YOU HAVE THE CALL FOR A GREEN LINE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY--
23 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. NO CALLS FOR ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTION
24 AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT THE L.A. COUNTY AREA. WHY? WHAT HAS



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1 CHANGED IN THAT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE? THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS,
2 FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING IT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT
7 ORG. WE'RE HAPPY TO SAY WE HAVE SHERIFF BACA IN THE AUDIENCE,
8 HE'S BEEN ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC, HE'S BEEN LISTENING, A
9 MODEL, MODEL LEADER, UNLIKE THE ELITIST LEADERS WHO JUST SHOW
10 UP, SPEAK, AND THEN LEAVE. WE LIKE THE FACT THAT THE POOR
11 PEOPLE HERE ARE WIDE AWAKE, WHERE. AS YOU KNOW, AT THE LAST
12 MEETING, TOM HAD TO SHAKE UP THE MAYOR FROM A DEEP SLUM BURY.
13 HE WANTS TO SLEEP UNTIL HE'S 60 YEARS OLD. LADIES AND
14 GENTLEMEN, HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT ORG ANNOUNCES A NEW
15 GOVERNOR'S CANDIDATE, ANGELINE, RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN AND
16 ALSO THE DRAFT ERIC GARSETTI FOR GOVERNOR. HE'S GOING TO SKIP
17 MAYOR AND GO RIGHT FOR GOVERNOR. MS. MOLINA'S NOT HERE, BUT
18 SHE'LL HEAR-- OH, SHE IS HERE. GREAT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THERE
19 ARE ZERO MINORITY EDITORIAL WRITERS AT THE "L.A. TIMES". DO
20 YOU UNDERSTAND THAT JIM NEWTON IS A RACIST SWINE, NOT A BLACK,
21 NOT AN HISPANIC, NOT A NATIVE AMERICAN, NOT A PACIFIC
22 ISLANDER. IT'S AN ALL WHITE JURY THAT CLAIMS YOUR SCAR. I SEE
23 NO SCARS-- I SEE A VERY ATTRACTIVE FACE THERE. I SEE NO SCARS
24 ON-- BUT JIM NEWTON, INCIDENTALLY, WHEN ZELL IS REMOVED IN
25 ANOTHER FEW MONTHS, NEWTON AND ALL THESE PEOPLE WILL DISAPPEAR



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1 JUST THE WAY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING GERMANY DISAPPEARED
2 AFTER THE ALLIES TOOK OVER. LIKE TO POINT OUT, HOLLYWOOD
3 HIGHLANDS DOT ORG, A WONDERFUL ARTICLE WE DID ON JOE SAPELL,
4 ALSO AN "L.A. TIMES" MAN THAT MAKES \$73,000 OVER HERE FROM ZEV
5 AND, OF COURSE, ZEV'S SPY WHO LETS HIM KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING
6 BECAUSE HE STEALS INFORMATION OUT OF THE "L.A. TIMES" COMPUTER
7 AND GIVES IT TO ZEV. IS THAT TRUE OR FALSE? HE WAS AN L.A.
8 EDITOR ONE DAY AND THE NEXT DAY HE'S WORKING FOR THE
9 OPPOSITION. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THE BERLIN WALL, THE FAKE
10 BERLIN WALL THAT WAS PUT UP , I WAS THERE, THERE WAS A WHITE
11 RIOT THERE. THEY PUT ALL THAT EXPENSIVE AT MIDNIGHT, ALL THAT
12 EXPENSIVE ART, IT'S ON HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS DOT ORG AND AT
13 MIDNIGHT, THESE WHITE INSANE PEOPLE TORE THE ART DOWN,
14 DESTROYED THE WALL. IT WAS A POLICE RIOT, BUT IF THE RIOTERS
15 ARE WHITE, YOU DON'T HEAR ABOUT IT. YOU ONLY HEAR ABOUT IT
16 WHEN THE RIOTERS ARE MINORITY. IT WAS ALL WHITE. THEY
17 DESTROYED THE WALL TO STEAL THE ART FROM THE VERY FAMOUS
18 ARTIST WHO HAD BUILT IT IN FRONT OF THE MUSEUM, AND I JUST
19 WANT TO SAY WHAT WE NEED IMMEDIATELY IS SIDEWALK STRIPING AND
20 HUGE SIGNS AT ALL THE INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE EAST SIDE GOLD
21 LINE AND WE ALSO NEED CONSTRUCTION TO START ON THE GATES SO
22 THEY'RE FINISHED WITHIN 90 TO 120 DAYS EXACTLY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT.

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1 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES. MY NAME IS-- YES, MY NAME IS MR. BOBBY
2 COOPER. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. YOU'VE SEEN ME BEFORE. I'M HERE
3 ABOUT MY MOTHER. I'M HERE ABOUT SOCIAL WORKER THAT DID SOME
4 VERY ILLEGAL THINGS, PARTICIPATED IN FRAUD, POSSIBLY A
5 HOMICIDE, ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE WHEN IT COMES TO ME. THIS IS MY
6 MOTHER, AND I-- BEFORE I LEFT THE HOUSE, VERY HAPPY, THIS IS
7 HOW I KEPT MY MOTHER, YOU KNOW, HER HAIR FIXED, HER NAILS
8 DONE. SHE WAS LIKE A PUPPY. THEY GOT RID OF THAT. THEY STOLE
9 OUR CAR, AS I TOLD YOU THE LAST TIME, AND I WON'T NAME NAMES
10 RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT IN A COURT OF LAW,
11 BUT, YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD THREE ATTEMPTS MADE ON MY LIFE. YOU
12 UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT THE GANG
13 OF MONEY IS MISSING FROM MY FATHER'S INHERITANCE. NOW,
14 BASICALLY WHAT I REALLY WANT TO DO, I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU
15 THAT I NEED -- I'VE LOST OVER \$50,000 OF PRODUCT I HAD ON THE
16 INTERNET THAT YOUR SOCIAL WORKER GOT INVOLVED, \$10,000 CASH,
17 \$5,000 TO PAWN MY FATHER'S RING JUST TO STAY ALIVE, TO HAVE
18 CLOTHES. THIS LADY LOCKED ME OUT OF MY HOUSE WITH NO CLOTHES,
19 ALL MY FURNITURE, EVERYTHING LOCKED UP WITHOUT NO PAPERS, YOU
20 KNOW, ON A FRAUDULENT, FALSE ALLEGATION. NOW, AFTER SHE LOCKED
21 ME OUT OF THE HOUSE, THEY STARTED BOUNCING CHECKS, YOU KNOW,
22 OF MINE, THEY TOOK OVER ALL OF MY BANK ACCOUNTS. THIS IS HOW I
23 FEED MY MOTHER. THIS IS THE KIND OF FOOD THAT I FEED HER. I'M
24 A PROFESSIONAL CHEF. I WATCH HER DIET AND EVERYTHING, BECAUSE
25 SHE'S 88 NOW. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF MEALS THAT I FIXED HER.



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1 THIS WAS BEFORE I WAS KICKED OUT AND TAKEN OFF AS A HOME
2 MAKER. THIS LADY, THIS SOCIAL WORKER WENT IN THE MAILBOX AND
3 TOOK THE CHECK OUT ADDRESSED TO ME, TOOK THE DRIVER'S LICENSE
4 FROM ME, MY MOTHER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND THE CREDIT CARD
5 THAT I HAD FIXED UP FOR HER AND GAVE IT TO MY DAUGHTER. THIS
6 IS THE KIND OF FOOD THEY WERE FIXING MY MOTHER, WHEN I WENT
7 THERE. AFTER THEY KICKED ME OUT, I GO BACK, THEY GOT HOTDOGS
8 AND JUNK. SHE CAN'T EAT THAT STUFF. THESE ARE YOUR GOOD LUCK
9 OFFICERS THAT MAKES THIS STUFF STICK, ALONG WITH YOUR SOCIAL
10 WORKERS. ALONG WITH YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE
11 TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYBODY. THESE ARE ALL THE CELL PHONES.
12 I'VE GOT ONE PHONE RIGHT HERE ON ME. THIS IS RIGHT HERE. IT
13 WON'T EVEN CUT OFF. YOU UNDERSTAND? BECAUSE AS I SPEAK, WE'RE
14 BEING MONITORED. YOU UNDERSTAND? I'M TIRED OF IT. YOU KNOW? I
15 NEED SOME TYPE OF HELP, SOME TYPE OF COUNTY GRANT UNTIL I CAN
16 GET THIS THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM, BECAUSE I HAVE NO
17 ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GO THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM. EVERY LAWYER I
18 CONTACT, THEY COMPROMISE.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. O'ROURKE?

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22 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YEAH. MR. KNABE, I'M SORRY IF I'M ATTACKING
23 SOME OF THE AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH THE COUNTY, BUT IF A CAT'S
24 BLACK, YOU DON'T CALL IT BLUE, YOU DON'T CALL IT WHITE, YOU
25 DON'T CALL IT BROWN, YOU DON'T CALL IT CHESHIRE, YOU CALL IT



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1 BLACK. AS FOR GLORIA MOLINA, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME OF THAT
2 INFORMATION FOR THE VENICE FAMILY CLINIC AND FOR O.P.C.C. ON
3 THE MEAL COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR HEALTHY MEALS. I'D LOVE TO GO
4 AHEAD AND PASS THAT ALONG. AS FOR OUR NORMAL BUSINESS, I DID
5 WANT TO COMMENT ON ITEM 14 IN THIS PUBLIC COMMENT. MY CONCERN
6 IS THAT AS FAR AS PUBLISHING THE NAMES OF PEOPLE, DOESN'T THAT
7 BREAK THE RULES THAT THE COUNTY HAD SET UP AS FAR AS
8 CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH D.C.F.S. AND
9 REGARDING THEIR CHILDREN? THIS BREAKS CONFIDENTIALITY RULES.
10 YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND ICING AND EAT THE WHOLE CAKE
11 YOURSELF; YOU'VE GOT TO SHARE IT. YOU CANNOT GO AHEAD AND SIT
12 THERE AND SAY IN ONE INSTANCE YOU CAN'T SHARE INFORMATION BUT
13 IN ANOTHER YOU CAN. THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW. ALSO, S.S.I. HAS
14 A WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT THEY'VE HAD FOR YEARS ON FORWARDING
15 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. I SENT A LETTER OUT TO MY BIRTH
16 MOTHER. OKAY? TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. I KNOW WHERE SHE IS. I
17 JUST DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE. I KNOW THE CITY-- OR THE TOWN,
18 BUT NOT HER EXACT ADDRESS. SOCIAL SECURITY HAS HAD THIS IN
19 PLACE FOR YEARS. ANYBODY WORKING, ANYBODY RECEIVING BENEFITS
20 IS LISTED WITH SOCIAL SECURITY AND IT'S A FREE PROGRAM. IT
21 WOULDN'T COST THE COUNTY BUT MAYBE \$3 A LETTER. OKAY? SO IT
22 DOESN'T COST THE COUNTY HARDLY ANYTHING. IT'S FAR LESS THAN
23 PUBLISHING THEIR NAMES IN THE PUBLIC PAPER THAT WOULD BE USED
24 TO EMBARRASS AND HARM THE CLIENTS. AND ALSO FOR MARK RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS AND OTHERS HERE, ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED, WHETHER



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1 THEY CALLED THE COPS OR NOT, ARE CONSIDERED CRIMINALS IN THE
2 D.C.F.S. JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THEY ARE ME AND OTHERS, MANY OTHERS
3 OF US HAVE BEEN CALLED CRIMINALS IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE AND THE
4 IMPLICATION OF JUST BEING PULLED OVER OR CALLING THE POLICE
5 AND BEING CALLED A CRIMINAL WITHOUT ANY CHARGES FILED, WITHOUT
6 ANY REAL CRIME BEING COMMITTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL IS A CRIME.
7 IT'S A CRIME OF PERPETRATION OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS, OF MISUSE
8 OF AUTHORITY AND MISUSE OF INFORMATION. IT'S SLANDER AND
9 LIBEL, AND I WISH THAT THE COUNTY WOULD GET D.C.F.S. TO STOP
10 USING INFORMATION THAT IT REQUIRES FROM OTHER AGENCIES
11 ILLEGITIMATELY AND JUST BALD FACING LEAVING OUT THE PERTINENT
12 INFORMATION USING WHATEVER INFORMATION THEY WANT TO
13 CRIMINALIZE--

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. TIME'S UP. THANK YOU.

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17 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** -- PARENTS. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE AND THANK
18 YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. DO WE HAVE CLOSED
21 SESSION?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
24 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM



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1 C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
2 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE EACH AS INDICATED
3 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

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4 There is no reportable action on items CS-1 and CS-2.

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6 In open session, item CS-3 was continued one week to November
7 24, 2009.

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